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WHAT CONGRESS IS DOING

FITZ JOHN PORTER'S CLAIM FOR MONEY AND HONOR.

SOME STRONG POINTS AGAINST THE RELIEF BILL MADE BY SENATOR LOGAN—PORTER'S CONDUCT AND CLAIM SCATHINGLY DENOUNCED.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Gen. Logan continued in the Senate to-day his argument against the Fitz John Porter bill. The earnestness of the speaker, his clear interpretation of the law, his outspoken denunciation of the bill, the ease with which he has overthrown all who have sought to oppose him, and the presence of a crowd of attentive listeners, have combined to make this debate very impressive and the scene upon the floor more dramatic than any that has occurred during this session. The galleries were crowded again to-day, and many members of the House and other privileged persons had seats in the chamber. Among these were the Secretary of War, Gen. Sherman, and Gen. Garfield. In the gallery, surrounded by his friends, sat Fitz John Porter, eagerly listening to the man who, in ringing tones, scathingly denounced the bill as being a measure for restoring to a broken reputation by a gift of $60,000.

Gen. Logan stood in the centre of the chamber, and his attitude, as well as his words and emphatic gestures, expressed his confidence in his strength and his determination to place the whole matter clearly before the Senate. Before resuming his argument upon the legal points involved, he declared that Mr. Randolph's statement about Gen. McDowell's testimony could not be supported by facts or documents, and allowed Mr. Randolph to reply. The latter, in his answer, covered as much ground and read so many pages from the records of the court-martial and Board of Review, that Gen. Logan became impatient. At last he insisted upon resuming his speech, and a colloquy ensued, which was marked by sharp passages. So many documents had been read that it was hard for the visitors in the galleries to discover the merits of the question involved; but Gen. Logan declared that Mr. Randolph had succeeded in saving nothing which could be considered a support for his assertions, and said that he would endeavor to prevent the case from going before the country on false and manufactured testimony. Although he had intended to confine his remarks to the legal aspect of the case, he would now give notice that he would examine the evidence, because it had been distorted, and would make it so clear that Porter's intent to disobey orders could not be mistaken. Later in the day he described Porter as a man claiming that his honor had been injured, but who came to Congress with an outstretched hand, saying that $60,000 would repair the breach. If he sought only the healing of his honor he could apply to the President for a pardon, but this course he would not take because the President's pardon did not carry $60,000 with it. He had been told that Porter had made no application to the President for a pardon.

Mr. Kernan interposed some questions, but after a short conversation with the speaker he retired discomfited, as Senator Hill was compelled to do yesterday. The suggestions made by Mr. Kernan were based upon the impression that the bill provided for the annulling of the court martial's sentence and a review of the case. Gen. Logan showed how erroneous this view was, and declared that the bill virtually provided for nothing beyond a gift of $60,000. It was a measure by which it was proposed to take a blindfold over the law which applied to the case and put $60,000 in the pocket of Porter, for work which Porter had never done. "The country," said Gen. Logan sarcastically, "will like to see this done," and he emphasized this remark by a suggestive gesture over his left shoulder, which the audience quickly interpreted. Before taking up the thread of his remarks where it had been dropped, he kindly advised Mr. Kernan to read bills and become acquainted with their contents before attempting to argue upon them.

When the open session came to an end to give place to an executive session, the speaker had materially strengthened his position, and shown a remarkable familiarity with the law and the pots in the case. As yet there are no indications that a champion of equal power will enter the lists against him.

THE EXACTIONS OF PILOTS.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST COMPULSORY PILOTAGE BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMERCE COMMITTEE.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The hearing before the House Committee on Commerce in relation to the bills abolishing compulsory pilotage began to-day. Several gentlemen were introduced by James A. Van Brunt, of New-York, and they made short arguments in favor of the proposition. The first speaker was William W. Goodrich, who was introduced as a representative of the merchants of New-York City. After sketching the history of pilot regulations in New-York, he characterized compulsory pilotage as the last relic of barbarism on the statute-books, and condemned any law which made it possible for pilots to stand at the gateway of the American commercial Metropolis, and say, "Stand and deliver." The system was bad in principle and in effect, and sustained by class legislation of the most odious kind. Affidavits were submitted to show the practices of Hell Gate pilots, whom, he compared to the robber Barons of the Rhine, who once levied toll upon passing vessels. To illustrate the injustice of discrimination, he chose two ships, lying side by side in New-York Harbor, exactly alike, and carrying the same cargo. One of these could go to San Francisco, and was not compelled to take a pilot, while the other, bound for Havana, must pay $2,800 a year for pilotage in the port of New-York alone, her master getting only $2,400 a year for his services. Eight thousand foreign-going ships arrived in New-York in 1879, and 25,000 coasters, who were not bound to take pilots. He challenged proof that the coasters met with more accidents than the ships from foreign ports. The merchants asked for the removal of a burden upon commerce, which was already having a powerful influence in depressing maritime interests. Mr. Goodrich reproduced many of the statistics which he recently used in his argument at Albany.

Capt. Dean, of Taunton, Mass., a practical pilot, showed that where compulsory pilotage had been abolished there was no scarcity of pilots, and denounced the exactions made at Wilmington, Galveston, and other Southern ports. The Government had, at great expense, made the water-ways plain by lights and buoys, and the law which compelled payment for unnecessary service should be repealed. At most ports the tug-boats, which bore better pilots than could be found elsewhere, went out further from the shore than the pilots whom the law supported in their piratical exactions. There was no necessity for pilots at Hell Gate.

Charles Lawrence, President of the Vessel-owners' and Captains' Association of Philadelphia, argued that Congress could establish a Universal Pilotage law, and asserted that a vessel is often compelled to pay one-eighth of her net annual earnings to pilots for services not rendered. To the proposition that pilots must be supported because they are necessary for the safety of life and property, he answered that the necessity for pilots is becoming less apparent every year, owing to the efforts of the Government to make the coast plain by surveys, charts, buoys, and lights. With regard to competition, he could not see why men in this profession, like those in others, should not take their chances. In conclusion, he asked the committee whether it would join the leeches, and assist in the extermination of vessel-owners, or help the latter to healthy life again. Statements were submitted, which showed that the pilots in Baltimore were frequently earned as much from two vessels in those days as the Captain received for his share of the Cunard steamer Cuba, and that the pilot fees at Savannah and Brunswick, Ga., were 50 per cent. of all the port charges at those places, amounting to $145, while the owner received for the whole trip $480.

J. Ernest Miller, of the Maritime Association of New-York, declared that compulsory pilotage was one of the greatest burdens against which American vessel-owners had to contend in many of the Southern States, which had hardly any tonnage of their own. The impression seemed to exist that it was right to plunder vessels from other States in this way. He owned portions of many vessels, but this property yielded only 3 per cent. without insurance or repairs. These would cost about 18 per cent. But the owners were unable to pay for insurance. He thought the committee could plainly see how our maritime interests must decline under these conditions. Compulsory pilotage might have been necessary many years ago, before tugs were plenty in every harbor ready to tow vessels in and out for less money than pilot charge. It was not right to impose the pilot tax upon a coastwise vessel when its owner became more enterprising and went into foreign trade. "You can't imagine," said he, "how burdensome the exactions at Hell Gate are." The pilots there, he continued, did not wish to render service, but preferred to collect half the pilotage, because more money could be made in that way. A vessel was mentioned which earned only $150 in three years, but paid $1,200 to pilots in that time. The pilots at Sandy Hook did not deny that they received $3,500 annually, which far exceeded the salary of a master of a vessel.

Mr. Lincoln appeared as the representative of the New-England Ship-owners' Association and the Allan Line to Glasgow. He argued against the maintenance of high rates, and claimed that the competition which would follow the abolition of compulsory pilotage would not only lower the rates, but would result in retaining the best pilots in service, and in throwing out the inefficient ones, who ought to go out of the business. Vessel-owners could be expected to look out for their own interests and to favor measures of safety. The fact that they were united in opposing compulsory pilotage showed that competition would not impair the efficiency of the pilot service.

The hearing will be continued to-morrow. The Hell Gate pilots have sent E. M. Parey to appear before the committee in their behalf.

BILLS, CLAIMS, AND TALK.

A MAMMOTH COMMERCIAL SCHEME—THE INDIAN TERRITORY BILL—M'GARRAHAN'S CLAIM AGAIN.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Mr. Wallace introduced in the Senate to-day a bill incorporating T. Haskins Dupuy, S. L. M. Barlow, C. F. Woerishoffer, J. H. Rutter, George M. Pullman, Henry G. Stebbins, and others as a company to be known as the "United States Finance and River Platte Valley Improvement Company, Limited." This company is empowered to construct, maintain, lease, and operate railroads and any works of improvement—industrial, manufacturing, or mining—in the Argentine Republic, and other States of South America, to build steam-boats and navigate them, to issue bonds, bills of lading, and letters of credit, and to buy and sell bullion and bills of exchange. Its capital is to be $10,000,000, in shares of $100 each, and this may be increased by a vote of two-thirds of the stock. Gentlemen interested in the proposed company are in the city, and will be heard to-morrow by the House Committee on Commerce. They have secured important concessions from the Governments of Colombia, Peru, and other South American and Central American States, among which is the exclusive right to build and operate a telegraph line which will furnish the much-needed direct communication between the United States and South America, and render it unnecessary hereafter to pay the heavy cost of communication by way of Portugal. These gentlemen ask nothing from the United States except a charter.

The action of the Senate Committee on Territories, in favor of the Vest bill, which provides for the establishment of courts in the Indian Territory, and which is regarded as a long step in the direction of opening the Territory to settlement, is in accordance with Mr. Vest's emphatically expressed views on this subject, and induced Senator Carpenter to introduce in the Senate to-day, a resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether Congress has any right to make the Indian Territory a separate Judicial district and organize a court or courts therein, and if so what jurisdiction ought to be conferred upon said courts. The committee is asked to report by bill or otherwise. Mr. Garland, of Arkansas, so many of whose constituents seem to be in favor of forcibly opening the Territory, insisted that the resolution should go to the committee of which he is Chairman, and which has virtually answered the inquiry already by its support of the Vest bill. But Mr. Carpenter contended that the Judiciary Committee should have it, whereupon Mr. Garland's objection to the present consideration of the resolution carried it over in accordance with the rules.

William McGarrahan has renewed his contest of over 20 years standing with the New-Idria Mining Company, for the possession of the Panoche Grande tract, now occupied by that company, and has had introduced into the House a bill to refer the whole controversy to the Court of Claims, with the right to appeal to the United States courts, the several claimants to bring suit against the United States. The bill is pending before the Committee on Private Land Claims, and to-day Col. Michael L. Woods appeared before the committee on behalf of McGarrahan. Col. Woods argued that the testimony showed that the New-Idria Company had originally claimed 3,000 or 4,000 acres; then it reduced its claim to 1,920 acres, located under California school land warrants; then it claimed 480 acres under the Mining laws, which claim was rejected in 1870, after which a motion for a rehearing was made, which was finally denied by Secretary Schurz on the 26th of last July; then William Neely Thompson located 20 acres under the Mining laws, for which Secretary Schurz granted a patent a few weeks ago, notwithstanding his knowledge of the pendency of the bill before Congress. Col. Woods also argued that the New Idria Company, in securing a patent, had not won a substantial victory, as the 20 acres are of little value without a portion of the adjoining timber lands. The property being reserved to the grantee until a final rejection of his grant, by the act of Congress in 1851, in pursuance of the terms of the treaty, is not subject to entry by any one. Consequently, the New Idria Company has been a trespasser from the beginning. Its application to enter as public lands the valuable mines which it has been working so long having been rejected by Secretary Schurz, it was claimed that the company is liable, either to McGarrahan or the Government, for the immense treasure which it has taken from these mines, said to cover over $12,000,000.

Mr. Converse has introduced a bill in the House providing that any person who has invented or discovered, by his own industry and expense, a process or system of accounts, may obtain a patent for it as an improvement in an art, and that the inventor or discoverer of a form or forms composed of printed matter and ruled lines, or ruled lines only, on the pages of a book, to be written or printed on, which add to the book's value as an article of merchandise, may obtain a design pattern therefor.

The House Committee of Ways and Means gave a hearing to-day to the manufacturers of quinine, who desire the duty on the imported article technically known as "sulphate of quinia," which was removed by act of Congress during the special session, to be restored. Messrs. H. H. Jones and R. B. Rosenberg, of Philadelphia, and C. T. White and D. C. Robbins, of New-York, manufacturers of sulphate and other salts of quinia, made arguments before the committee in support of their memorial. The points made were that the law removing the duty was hurriedly passed through Congress, without giving them any opportunity to be heard; that it went into immediate effect, affording them no opportunity to prepare for the change, and that while the duty upon imported quinine has been removed, the articles from which it is manufactured are still taxed—fusel-oil paying a duty of $2 per gallon; alcohol, $1 70 per gallon; soda ash, ¼ cent per pound; and cinchona bark, 10 per cent. ad valorem. To offset these duties and taxes, they argued that a duty be imposed upon foreign sulphate of quinia, to enable them to contend with foreign, whose Governments have guarded their interests more carefully, and who have, in consequence, great advantages over the American manufacturers. They also presented a memorial signed by druggists and dealers of 46 cities in various parts of the country, favoring an import duty on foreign quinine of at least 10 per cent. ad valorem. The memorial sets forth that the continued manufacture of sulphate of quinia in this country is a matter of great consequence to the people at large; that the American article is uniformly of excellent quality and superior to the imported, and should, as a matter of policy, be protected. A large number of letters from physicians and druggists were also offered as cumulative testimony to the statements set forth in the memorial.

A hearing was given by the Ways and Means Committee this morning, upon a memorial signed by 200 or more merchants and manufacturers, praying that the prohibitory duties now levied upon chrome iron ore and bi-chromate of potash may be removed, "in order that the large industrial pursuits of our country may be encouraged and enabled better to compete with England and Germany for the trade offered by Brazil, South and Central America, Cuba, &c., and to cheapen to our own people as well the cost of nearly all wearing apparel and many articles of household apparel." The memorialists urge that chrome iron ore is entirely crude, and bi-chromate of potash is used as a material in dyeing cotton and wool by nearly all the manufacturers of the country, and as the basis for all chemical colors essentially the same as indigo, logwood, and other dyestuffs which are now exempt from duty.

THE STAR SERVICE ABUSES.

A CENSURE ADDED TO THE DEFICIENCY BILL—TWICE AS MUCH MONEY DEMANDED BY BRADY AS IS NEEDED.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The Senate Committee on Appropriations to-day reported the star route deficiency bill to the Senate, with several amendments, one of which consists of a preamble in the following language: "Whereas, there is a deficiency in the appropriations made by Congress, for the star postal service of the United States, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880, caused by the Post Office Department disregarding the law which prohibits the expenditure of money in excess of appropriation, or making of contracts which involve the Government for the payment of money in excess of appropriation, which deficiency, unless supplied, threatens to deprive the people of the necessary mail services to which they are entitled." In its amended form the bill does not change the amount of money voted by the House, but the clause directing the Postmaster-General to cut off the allowances made for "expedition of service," on every route where such allowance exceeds $2,500 per annum, was stricken out, and a proviso inserted in the following words: "That the Postmaster-General shall not hereafter have the power to extend any contract either now existing or hereafter, given to a rate of pay exceeding 50 per cantum of the contract as originally let." While this proviso would prevent such scandalous extravagance as has marked the past administration of the postal service in the matter of star routes, it does nothing in the direction of correcting the abuses shown to have been practiced by Gen. Brady, and which, if not corrected, will be continued by virtue of existing contracts, until the end of the current contract term, which runs to June 30, 1882. The proviso inserted by the House would cut off at once these extravagant allowances, and, while the immediate effect would be to make the Government liable for one month's pay for discontinuing the contracts, in the end it would result in a large saving to the Treasury. Take, for instance, the Fort Yuma route, on which an increase of $165,000 per annum was allowed for expedition of service. If that contract is continued for two years, the Government will be required to pay $230,000 without a fair return for the money expended, whereas, should the proviso inserted in the House bill prevail, that service could be discontinued by paying a penalty of less than $14,000. The Senate committee seem not to have realized the fact that the abuses which they have so emphatically condemned in their preamble are to continue in full force and effect for two or three years, unless the corrective is applied. The prohibition made by the Senate Committee in reference to the conduct of the star service in the future is proper and timely, but that prohibition should be coupled with the House provision, applying the knife to the ulcer, and not brought forward as a substitute for it.

Figures were obtained to-day from the Sixth Auditor, who has charge of the Post Office accounts, which clearly show that the amount voted by the House—$970,000—is ample to cover the deficiency, and yet the Post Office Department, with these figures at their command, if not in their actual possession, made a demand upon Congress for $1,700,000, under a threat of stopping the entire star service of the country. The Sixth Auditor's figures show that for the six months ending Dec. 31 last the actual cost of the star service was $9,279,933, and for the six months ending June 30 next the Auditor estimates that the service would cost, conducted according to existing contracts, $8,602,767, making the total expenses for the year $6,882,700. To this sum must be added to the first six months, $172,838, which amount is due and unpaid, making the aggregate cost of the service for the year $7,055,538. The regular appropriation made for this service was $5,900,000, and the amount named in the pending deficiency bill is $970,000, making a total of $6,870,000. The difference between these two lines of figures furnished by the Sixth Auditor is $185,538, which represents the actual deficiency that will exist on June 30; if the star service is continued on the present basis. But even this small deficiency is apparent rather than real, because the fines and penalties imposed upon contractors for failures will amount to over $200,000 during the fiscal year. So it will be seen that when Gen. Brady induced Postmaster-General Key to demand from Congress, under threat of stopping the mails, $1,700,000, and to certify that that large amount will be required to continue the service on star routes, he must have known that the sum was nearly double what would be required. If he did know this fact, he deliberately deceived the Postmaster-General, thereby causing the head of the department to place himself in a ridiculous attitude before the country. If he did not know it, but accepted the figures upon which his estimates were based from contractors for large routes which had been increased in service and expedition by his order, instead of getting the figures from the Sixth Auditor, it furnishes additional evidence of the urgent necessity of securing another man to take Gen. Brady's place in the office of Second Assistant Postmaster-General.

CUBA'S INDEBTEDNESS.

HAVANA, Feb. 28.—In reply to a request by a Cuban Senator in Madrid, the Minister of the Colonies has sent a statement of the actual debt of Cuba to the last dates existing in the Ministry of the Colonies. The entire gold indebtedness is $126,816,415; in bank bills, $45,300,076. According to the last advices received here, nothing has been resolved upon regarding the loan for the island of Cuba. Although the Minister of the Colonies is occupied with this question, and several representatives of foreign houses have made him propositions, nothing will be settled upon before the project of the estimates for Cuba are finished and laid before the Cortes. Rumors are current here that all the principal authorities are to be changed, Gen. Lema being spoken of as the successor of Gen. Blanco.

MAINE BRIBERY INVESTIGATION.

AUGUSTA, Me., March 3.—Wallace H. White, the person charged with attempting to bribe Messrs. Swan and Harriman to give up their seats in the Fusion Legislature, was examined before the Legislative Committee to-day, and denied the statements that he paid money to either Swan or Harriman to induce them to resign their seats. He had interviews with both of them, in which they intimated their intention to resign their positions, and White highly commended their intentions, asserting that it was proper for the purpose they seen, but neither gave nor offered any money as an inducement therefor or for any other purpose.

THE PRESIDENCY IN OHIO

GRANT THE STRONGEST AMONG REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES.

THE SHERMAN "BOOM" LOSING ITS HEADWAY—DIFFICULTIES UNDER WHICH BLAINE LABORS—GEN. GRANT'S FRIENDS INCREASING IN NUMBER—CHANCES OF WASHBURNE AND GARFIELD.

COLUMBUS, March 2.—During the past two or three weeks, amid the "booming" of various candidates in this State, an attempt has been made to ascertain as nearly as possible the real political situation on the Republican side. That there has been a decided change—several changes, in fact—during that time does not admit of question, and that there is room for many more between the present time and the day set for holding the Republican Convention is equally true. The only thing that can be arrived at and noted by the careful observer is the general drift of public sentiment. There is no better place than the capital, while the Legislature is in session, to gain such information. The representatives are in close communication with their constituents, and very free to give what information they possess. The people themselves have been visited in many portions of the State, and they have been talked with. From a sort of general note-book of these visits and talks, the following deductions are made:

Any remarks on the Presidential situation in this State would be incomplete if they overlooked the chances of the present Secretary of the Treasury. He is "an Ohio man," of course, and all things being equal, would, undoubtedly, be what is commonly termed, "a favorite son." He is very far from this, however, as things now stand, and it is by no means overstating the matter to say that his name will probably not be presented for the usual "complimentary vote." Had things gone as they usually do go politically, he would have undoubtedly made his point. The men who control the caucuses in each county of the State are, almost to a man, in some way indebted either by past, present, or promised patronage, to Mr. Sherman. Had the matter assumed the "still-hunt" shape, these men would have fixed matters all right for their candidate. This was undoubtedly the intention of the managers. Their first move, dictated directly from Washington, was to get an early meeting of the Central Committee of the State, and through this get the State Committee. The effort to carry out this somewhat desperate plot was a failure, and the whole matter was exposed some time ago in an interview with Chairman Conger. This movement put the friends of other candidates on the alert, and from that time forward they have been busily at work, and the Sherman interest has been gradually losing ground. The combination of the three ancient rivals and enemies—Foster, Garfield, and Sherman—into the famous tripartite arrangement, never took place until the Senatorial fight, which elected Gen. Garfield, was over. It was claimed by Sherman's friends that they would help elect Garfield, and that he should turn his influence with them. Garfield's friends now say that there were only three or four votes in the whole Legislature that came to them by the bargain, and that Gen. Garfield has more than paid for these by his letter to Senator Hoar, in which he gave a quasi indorsement of Sherman. They say that they are not bound to do anything further, unless they feel disposed. The whole Sherman movement is at a stand-still, so far as can be ascertained. Gov. Foster recently said that he greatly regretted that anything like "booms" had been started for any candidate in the State. This, coming from the gentleman who acted as Chairman of the Sherman "boom," would indicate that he considered the affair a failure.

Next after Sherman, in the order of "booming," came Blaine. The managers of the Blaine movement advertised it more fully, made it a State affair, and decidedly eclipsed the Sherman men in noise, numbers, and notoriety. The men at its head are smart, enthusiastic, wide awake, and determined. But they are, if there is any difference, more open to criticism than the Sherman men. It is safe to say that they are generally those who are dissatisfied with the general order of things. They are fault-finders, sore-heads, and disappointed office-seekers, to a large extent men who were not, in their own estimation, properly recognized under the Grant regime, and who have been in some way or other neglected by Sherman in the construction of his machine. But this is not all that is bound to stand in the way of Mr. Blaine in the matter of obtaining the support of the Ohio delegation. There is much more opposition to him in the rural districts and among the Granger and small shipping interests than almost any one supposes who has not paid special attention to the subject. Whether true or not, Senator Blaine is held responsible for the great railroad legislation that has gone forward for many years. Said a prominent Granger yesterday: "Everything has been done for the two extremes. Great railroad grants have been made at the public expense to railroads that will never pay of themselves in the far West. They have been protected by special laws and special charters. The East has been looked after in one way and another, and if it is not found possible to grant them special legislation, the very nature of things is such that they receive special advantages from the great capitalists, who are their managers. All this is to the direct disadvantage of the people of all this great central region. It has been so that shipping could be done just as cheaply from some far Western point to the sea-board as from local points in Ohio. Our land is higher in price here because it is supposed to be located nearer market, but, in fact, we are obliged to pay more, in certain instances, to get our produce into the market than we would if it was raised on the fertile prairies of Iowa. The very fact that, as I am informed, the people of the far West indorse Blaine convinces us more than anything else, perhaps, that he has favored them. In fact, his record will show this. Then, his action in regard to the Chinese shows that he has been trying to curry favor with the Pacific States, and this would injure him much with us." Such sentiments as the above are going the rounds very largely.

During all the booms and counter-booms, there has been very little said of Gen. Grant. It would be hard to tell who are his managers. There are a few stalwart newspapers that are understood to favor him, prominent among which is the Cleveland *Daily Leader*; but these have not yet sounded the slogan. They have opposed Sherman, and as a sore of recreation have been "booming" Blaine. There is a moderate hostility to him in the Legislature, and the cry of "Anything to beat Grant" is sought to be raised. Notwithstanding all this, Gen. Grant is the strongest candidate in the Ohio field to-day. It is one of the first principles of politics that when one candidate is much stronger than any other, there is generally a combination made against him. It is equally well known that the smaller fry gradually kill each other off and drop out of existence, leaving the stalwart in undisputed possession of the field. People, Ohio people at least, do not like too much fugling, too much "booming," too much special pleading. They are apt to mistrust something and to react. The secret of Gen. Garfield's recent unanimous election to the United States Senate was the result of a united demand upon the part of the people. Some of the legislators preferred a man who would open a grocery at the capital and entertain his friends, but the people made a demand which it would not do to disregard. So with Gen. Grant. He is not being hawked and fugled about the State, but the people are thinking about him, and when the time comes they will speak for him. To be sure, it is claimed that the Germans will oppose the General's nomination, but this is more from a desire to give some reason for opposition to him than from any other cause. The assertion comes from the well-known fact that Secretary Schurz will oppose him. But, in the language of a well-known *German politician of Cincinnati*, the other day, it is safe to say: "Carl Schurz don't carry the German vote of this country in his breeches-pocket any longer. The Germans are independent, both in religion and politics, and they do not readily yield to being led about by the nose. They will probably not vote as mass for any candidate." The people of the conventions in other States, where there has been a decided preference shown for Grant, is beginning to have a decided effect here, and it is becoming quite evident that no one else can be nominated. The love of the people for a great popular hero overcomes everything else. They regard a man who has done something, and whom they believe can do something again, should occasion require. They love a man of deeds, not words—a man who, they believe, has latent strength. The political pointers are much awry if Gen. Grant be not the strongest man in Ohio to-day.

Mr. Washburne's strength in Ohio lies in his weakness. He is not the first choice of more than a half dozen people of any prominence. The Hon. D. G. Ray, of the House of Representatives, from Cincinnati, is one of his most ardent supporters. Mr. Ray is a strong personal friend, and proposes to visit Mr. Washburne soon and talk over the situation very fully. As the second choice of nearly everybody, Mr. Washburne has great strength in this State. The Sherman man will not object to him if they fail to get their own man. The Blaine men will support him in preference to Sherman, and he certainly will not be particularly obnoxious to Gen. Grant's supporters if the time shall come when their hope has ebbed away.

Gen. Garfield was recently in the State, under the convenient pretext of looking over some repairs for his house in the Spring. It is a noteworthy fact, however, that he did not fail to call upon the Hon. J. P. Robinson, his old time friend and adviser, and that his other friends in Northern Ohio had a friendly chat with him; wholly, of course, on the subject of the intended repairs upon his house. But several of the General's most prominent friends expect by all means that he will be nominated in case certain contingencies shall arise. He is to-day much nearer being "the favorite son" of Ohio than John Sherman.

MR. TILDEN TO BE A CANDIDATE.

A CONFERENCE AT WHICH HE FORMALLY ANNOUNCES HIS DETERMINATION TO SEEK RENOMINATION.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The *Post* of to-morrow will contain the following editorial article:

"At a meeting of the prominent friends of Mr. Tilden, which was held in New-York last Saturday, the declaration was made by that gentleman that he would without doubt be a candidate for the Democratic nomination. During the last six months, reports have reached us from time to time, and from most authentic sources, that Mr. Tilden contemplated a voluntary but decided renunciation of such honors. But we have no reason to doubt that whatever might have been his intentions or purposes, he is now firmly resolved to ask for a renomination. It was due to his friends who might desire to attach themselves to other candidates in the event of his withdrawal, that he should come to an immediate and positive decision, and this we are informed on unquestionable authority he has done. Mr. Tilden is credited with the possession of great political sagacity and almost unbounded influence in his party, but we have no reason to doubt, on the contrary, that unless he can convince the Cincinnati Convention that he can carry the State of New-York, he can never obtain the nomination. He may be able, as the New-York *Sun*, which appears to be his veracious mouthpiece, asserts, to defeat any Democrat nominated over him or against his wishes. But even in the jaws of such a contingency, it is not possible that a convention of sensible men will *meet and nominate a man confessedly foredoomed to defeat*. It will be of the highest importance, therefore, for him to immediately put at work the agencies which will bring about a consolidated Democracy in the City and State of New-York."

TOWN AND COUNTY ELECTIONS.

FURTHER RESULTS OF THE CHARTER ELECTIONS IN THIS STATE.

HUDSON, N. Y., March 3.—The town meetings in Columbia County yesterday resulted in the election of 12 Republican Supervisors and 10 Democrats. Last year the board stood 15 Democrats and 7 Republicans.

POUGHKEEPSIE, March 3.—Complete returns from Dutchess County make the Board of Supervisors stand—Republicans, 15; Democrats, 11. Two towns voted for "no license" in Ulster. In the Town of Lloyd, where it was stated the liquor interest caused the gerdling of the fruit-trees of an Excise Commissioner who was opposed to license, the vote for and against license was a tie. In Milton the vote was against granting any licenses.

DUNKIRK, March 3.—The town and city elections were held yesterday under the issue of the amended charter. Bookstaver (Dem.) received 200 majority for Supervisor, and Brooks (Reg.) received 151 majority for Mayor.

OSWEGO, March 3.—Of the 29 Supervisors elected in Oswego County, 15 are Republicans, 12 Democrats, and 2 Greenbackers.

ROMEOVY, March 3.—An incorrect count last night of the votes cast at the charter election gave the Democrats four Supervisors in the City of Kingston. Corrected, the count stands three and three, being the same as last year. The Board of Supervisors stands 14 Republicans and 10 Democrats, with two towns to hear from.

TROY, N. Y., March 3.—The Republicans carried the entire ticket in the Village of Green Island to-day.

The Democrats to-day carried the election in West Troy.

GRANT'S NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS.

DELEGATES ELECTED IN ONE DISTRICT FOR THE EX-PRESIDENT—DENOUNCING SHERMAN'S TACTICS.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 3.—The Republican Committee of this district, composed of one member from each of the seven counties, met here to-day and elected Isaac J. Young and Steward Ellison delegates to Chicago. P. B. Hawkins and William Arrington were elected alternates. The delegates and alternates are strongly for Grant. Each member of the committee was outspoken for Grant, and represented that there was no sentiment for any other candidate in their respective counties. The members also report that the election of Sherman delegates at large by the State Committee, on Jan. 29, is severely denounced throughout the district.

EX-GOV. PARKER'S MODEST WISHES.

FREEHOLD, N. J., March 3.—Ex-Gov. Joel Parker, of New-Jersey, returned home this evening from a brief trip to Washington. While in Washington Mr. Parker had some conversation with representative men relative to the Presidency. He says that he is satisfied, from what he heard, that if the leading Democrats of New-Jersey will only rally around him unitedly, he will be the Presidential nominee at Cincinnati. He became convinced, however, that Senator Randolph was working for the nomination, but he considers that it is simply ruinous to New-Jersey's interests in the Democratic National Convention to have two candidates from the State in the field. While he expresses no opinion on the subject, it is, nevertheless, quite evident whose duty he thinks it is to withdraw from the contest, in order to leave the way clear for New-Jersey's "favorite son." He recalls with pride the fact that in 1868 New-Jersey, from first to last, insisted in the convention upon his nomination, and he is manifestly assured that it would be the wisest thing for the delegation to do the same thing this year.

NORTH CAROLINA DEMOCRATS.

RALEIGH, N. C., March 3.—The Democratic Executive Committee met here to-day, and called its State Convention to meet in this city on June 17.

BLAINE DELEGATES FROM MAINE.

AUGUSTA, Me., March 3.—The Republican members of the Legislature met to-night, and chose the following delegates to the Chicago National Convention: Eugene Hale, Joseph R. Bodwell, E. T. Gill, and Simon A. Stroutt. Alternates—Orville D. Baker, Frederick N. Dow, William H. Simpson, and A. G. Hamlin. Resolutions were adopted reaffirming the principles of the party, and urging the nomination of Senator Blaine. Subsequently, a Blaine Club was organized.

THEODORE THOMAS'S RESOLVE.

A SPEEDY SETTLEMENT OF THE CINCINNATI MUSICAL COLLEGE TROUBLES PROMISED.

CINCINNATI, March 3.—The announcement in one of the papers to-day of the true condition of affairs in the College of Music has caused a commotion in musical circles. The people of Cincinnati, recognizing the importance of retaining Theodore Thomas here, are generally on his side of the fight. To-morrow will probably decide whether Mr. Thomas will continue his labors here or return to New-York. He received information to-day that the Directors would return an answer to his ultimatum to-morrow. It is understood on good authority to-night that if this answer is not satisfactory—that is, if it does not accede to the changes in management which he demands—Mr. Thomas will instantly tender his resignation. Furthermore, if the Directors neglect to send the promised reply, he will resign. He is under contract to act as Director for five years, at the salary of $10,000 a year, but his *friends* consider that the terms of this contract have already been violated by the managers of the college, and that it is no longer binding upon him.

Mr. Thomas declares emphatically that his desire is to remain in Cincinnati and build up a great school of music. That he regards as a most fitting culmination of his life work in behalf of his art. He says he has no desire to travel around the country again with an orchestra, and will not conduct a beer-hall band anywhere. He has confidence in his ability to build up a great institution here, if it is organized and carried on according to his views; he considers that in the line of his ambition and of his duty in the cause of musical art. He has personally and in writing assured the Board of Directors that he has no desire to sever his contract and return to New-York. In an interview published to-day, Gen. Goshorn said that Mr. Thomas usually felt most anxious for reforms just after his return from New-York visits, intimating that New-York influence was at the bottom of the trouble. The facts are, however, that the times when Thomas has agitated the matter have been before instead of after his New-York visits. Mr. Thomas states that in the event of his retirement he would remain until after the May Festival and do all in his power to make that enterprise a success. He is willing further to continue in his present position until a successor has been secured, if his views regarding the future do not meet those of the management. The apprehension is here felt that his retirement would be a fatal blow to the interests of the college. There is some talk today that if the Directors do not accede to Mr. Thomas's demands the stockholders will take the matter up and overrule their action.

THE BUFFALO PIPE LINE.

NEARLY READY FOR WORK, DESPITE THE OPPOSITION OF THE STANDARD OIL COMPANY.

BUFFALO, March 3.—The Buffalo Pipe Line Company has at last succeeded, after fighting against many obstacles thrown in its way by the Standard Oil Company, in obtaining a complete right of way from this city to the Bradford District. The main line will be about 65 miles long. The pipe will be 4 inches in the clear, and it will require about 7,000 barrels of oil to fill it. It has all been purchased, both for the main line and the feeders. The necessary tankage has been contracted for, the terminal facilities have been secured, and the whole thing is in such shape that operations will be commenced in about two weeks, and the company expects to have oil in Buffalo within four months. The line will commence at a point near the State line, in the town of Allegany, Cattaraugus County, and its route will be through the towns of Allegany, Humphrey, Franklinville, Ellicottville, and Ashford, in Cattaraugus County, and Springville, Concord, Boston, East Hamburg, and West Seneca, in Erie County, to Buffalo. There will be two pumping stations, one at the starting point, and the other midway between there and this city. Tankage will be provided here for the storing of about 1,000,000 barrels of crude oil. As a result of this, three oil refineries are to be started here. The companies organized are the Atlas and the Buffalo; another is under way, and will soon be in shape to take active measures for going into business.

The capital stock of the pipe line is $250,000, of which 50 per cent. has been paid in. Among the gentlemen largely interested in these enterprises are F. H. Kalbfleisch, of New-York; A. M. Kalbfleisch, of Brooklyn; Theodore N. Fowler and the Hon. D. N. Lockwood, of Buffalo, and Richard N. Lee, of Titusville. It is proposed to compete with the Standard for Western business.

ALLEGED BRIBERY IN LOUISIANA.

NEW-ORLEANS, March 3.—Mayor Patton addressed a letter to the Hon. R. N. Ogden, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Louisiana on Monday, stating that a member of the House had proposed to Major J. H. Behan for $3,500 to arrange with the Legislative Committee on City Affairs for such action as would retain the present city officers in place until their terms expire, or for $7,000 would guarantee such legislation as would retain them in place for four years. The House at once adopted a resolution calling on the Mayor for the name of the person who made the corrupt proposition. To-day Mayor Patton informed the House that the Hon. Henry Heindsheim, member from the Fourth Ward, and the only Republican from the city, was the person who made the proposition, as above stated, on the floor of the House, on Saturday evening. An investigating committee was appointed. Heindsheim says that a mountain has been made of a mole-hill.

AN UNAUTHORIZED SUIT.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Jessie Raymond, in whose behalf Mrs. Belva Lockwood yesterday filed papers in this city in a suit against Senator B. H. Hill for alleged seduction, furnishes the following statement:

WASHINGTON, March 3.

Whereas a suit has been filed by Belva A. Lockwood, an attorney at law in the District of Columbia, in my name, against Benjamin H. Hill, the same being an action of damages for seduction and support of child; now, of my own free will and consent, without pay or reward or promise thereof, I declare that I have no claim whatever against Benjamin H. Hill, and he is not my seducer; that the papers filed by said Lockwood were filed without my knowledge or consent and against my solemn protest; that they were never read over to me, or by me, and their contents were unknown to me, and no oath was put to me or taken by me in said case. JESSIE RAYMOND.

MR. FLOOD GIVES UP MINING.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—For several days rumors have been in circulation of a transfer of individual interests between the members of the Bonanza firm. This evening it is ascertained, on the authority of J. W. Mackey, that he has purchased from J. C. Flood the entire interest of the latter in the mining and milling properties of the firm on Comstock. Mr. Mackey declines to make a statement as to the amount of the consideration, but leaves it to be inferred that it is in excess of $5,000,000. Mr. Flood will devote his attention in future to his banking interests, and to the improvement of his San Mateo property.

BALTIMORE METHODISTS.

BALTIMORE, March

ing the President pro tem. of the Board of Supervisors to appoint his successor. The bill requiring individual banks to deposit securities to the extent of $1,000 with the Bank Superintendent was passed; also, the bill directing the Board of Apportionment of New-York to appropriate $1 per week to the inmates of the Association for Reforming Children and Young Girls who are "instructed and trained to useful employment," and allowing the Association to share in the school fund. The bill was strongly urged by Miss Lowell, of the State Board of Charities.

In executive session, the Senate unanimously confirmed the appointment of Erastus Cook, of Brooklyn, to the Judgship of the Supreme Court of the Second Judicial District, provided for by the late amendment to the Constitution. A question has arisen whether there is a legal vacancy—the place having never been filled. A case will be immediately taken to the county officers for decision on this point.

James B. Butler, private secretary to Lieut-Gov. Hoskins, has been sent to the United States Senate for confirmation as United States Attorney for Idaho. He is a graduate of the University Law School of 1876, when he carried off the prize for the best oral examination, and has since been a practicing lawyer in New-York.

A large meeting of Western shippers, manufacturers, and other business men, with the special Railroad Committee, was held to-night in the parlors of Stanwix Hall, to hear explanations of the points of the anti-discrimination bill, which is to be discussed in the House next week. The merchants were under the impression that it would operate, if passed, injuriously to their interests, while Mr. Hepburn, Mr. Dubuh, and Mr. Low, claimed, and endeavored to show, that they were misinformed. Mr. Grady, who had been invited to the meeting by some of the merchants, made several attempts to turn the occasion to the account of the Railroads, by reiterating objections which Mr. Blanchard had made to the bill, in the minority report signed by Mr. Grady. Mr. Low finally protested against Mr. Grady's performance, and the Erie representative left the parlor in high dudgeon, giving the merchants and the committee an opportunity to discuss the points of the bill in an amicable and business like manner.

The importers and dealers in foreign salt have won a partial victory over the Onondaga salt manufacturers, in securing the reduction of the canal toll on salt from 5 cents to 2 cents a ton. Several gentlemen, among them Frank D. Moulton and Gen. Wadsworth, came here to represent the dairy interest, bringing with them the petitions of about 900 dairymen and butter and cheese dealers, asking for the equalization of the tolls on foreign and domestic salt. As the matter had been referred by the Canal Board to S. B. Dutcher, Superintendent of Public Works, that officer heard an argument by Mr. Moulton and received the petitions. To-day, in a meeting of the Canal Board, Mr. Dutcher recommended the equalization of the tolls. The Canal Board decided not to make so sweeping a change, but reduced the rate. The toll on domestic salt is one-half cent a ton. The Onondaga salt interest opposed the reduction, and will probably fight against the adoption of the amended toll-sheet by the Legislature.

POMEROY'S GREENBACKERS.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 3.—The National Convention of the Union Greenback-Labor Party, otherwise known as the Brick Pomeroy faction, will be held here to-morrow. About a hundred delegates are already here, and it is said that over 200 from about 20 States will be present to-morrow. A secret meeting was held at the Planters' House to-night, with Hugo Preyer, of Ohio, Secretary of the National Executive Committee, presiding. Letters from various parts of the country were read. J. L. Chisley, of New-Hampshire, was elected temporary Chairman of the convention. There was an element among the delegates in favor of adjourning the convention and forming an alliance with the National Greenback Party, which will meet in Chicago on June 9, and another element favorable to adjournment after declaration of principles; but Preyer and other leaders say that these elements are not strong enough to carry out such a scheme. They say that they came here to nominate a ticket, and are going to do it.

THREATENING INDIAN RIGHTS.

KANSAS CITY, March 3.—Much excitement prevailed here last night in consequence of a statement that the United States Attorney is directed to read the President's proclamation at the Oklahoma meeting in the Merchants' Exchange to-day. Last night great preparations were made for the meeting. Speeches will be made by Col. Boudinet, ex-Congressman Franklin, Gen. Blair, the Hon. Sidney Clark, and others. Companies are organized here, and there are concerted measures for a successful raid. The people are unanimously in favor of Senator Vest's bill, but they are bound to go into the Territory at all hazards. Troops are scattered along the frontier, but leaders who came to Kansas City yesterday say they can put 2,000 men on the march at three days' notice. There is fear of bloodshed, unless the President's order is modified so as to allow settlers to go upon the ceded lands.

GEN. GRANT IN MEXICO.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 2.—President Diaz gave a banquet in honor of Gen. Grant last night in the National Palace. All the members of the Cabinet, diplomatic corps, and many other persons were present. After the banquet the festival, already announced, took place. The plaza was adorned and brilliantly illuminated, and crowded with people. Gens. Grant and Sheridan to-day visited Señors Borcena, Comacho, and Hidalgo y Geran, the Commissioners appointed by the Government to prepare the festival given to Gen. Grant. J. W. Foster, the United States Minister, presented his letters of recall to-day.

THE RIVAL TELEGRAPH LINES.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 3.—The attorneys for the Western Union Telegraph Company have served a notice on the attorneys of the Gould party that they will apply to Judge Stevens—in whose court the Kansas injunction suit is pending—on Thursday next, for an order commanding them to restore the lines recently seized in violation of the injunction, and to surrender the same to the Western Union Telegraph Company. This is substantially the order made by Judge McCrary, of the United States Circuit Court, in the Union Pacific case on Monday last.

ITALIAN EMIGRATION.

From the London Telegraph.

According to a statement just published, the Italian Government, alarmed at the increase in the emigration from the Peninsula to an average of fully 130,000 persons annually, has issued a special circular to the Prefects, recommending "stronger measures" to stop the stream then they have hitherto adopted. Of what nature are these measures we have not yet been informed, but it may safely be predicted that nothing short of force will avail to keep the would-be emigrants at home. The poorer population of Italy is materially among the most wretched in Europe—miserably fed, clothed, and housed, crushed under a load of taxation, the worst part of which is the tobacco monopoly, and ever ready to look forward to escape an old age of utter destitution. They are offered the means of attaining comfort, abundance, and prosperity across the Atlantic, mainly in the fertile regions of the River Plata, and the invitations are fairly backed by their compatriots who have preceded them, and who furnish in their own persons convincing evidence of the truth of their most rose-colored statements. There are facilities for the spread of information now which did not exist a few years ago, and it is as impossible to keep the Italians quite on the dark as to keep them contented with their lot of privation at home. To dissuade them from going by the help of obstacles interposed by the Prefects will only irritate and mislead. The remedy must go deeper. If Italian statesmen would forego a policy of adventure, would cut down their military and naval establishments, and lighten the load of taxation, they would do something to tempt the people to remain at home.

ALL THE ENGLISH HE KNEW.

From the Boston Transcript.

I heard a funny story of a little Boston boy the other day. His father had learned himself to speak the bright little fellow several words and phrases in a number of languages, so that he had quite a reputation as a linguist. An Englishman of some note dined with the family one day, and the child was much interested in watching him and listening to his conversation. After dinner the gentleman took him on his knee, with the remark: "I hear you know a great many languages; tell me how many you know." "Oh, I know French and German and Italian and Spanish, and that is all." "But you know English?" "No, I don't know English," he answered, with a very positive shake of the head. "Why, what do you call what I am talking to the Englishman, if I tell you I do not?" replied the child almost impatiently, very emphatically. "My papa knows English, I guess, but I only know two words in English—what are they?" "Come and eat."

THE PERIL OF THE CZAR

NIHILIST PLOTS WHICH MAY SOME TIME SUCCEED.

THE EXPLOSION IN THE WINTER PALACE—THE POLICE BAFFLED—THE DRY ROT IN SOCIETY—THE FRENCH REPUBLIC.

PARIS, Feb. 20.—Since the famous gunpowder plot, in 1605, nothing like the crime of the 17th February has ever been even attempted against the person of a sovereign. I cannot say that I was surprised when the news reached Paris, on Wednesday, of the explosion of a mine in the Winter Palace at St. Petersburg, as only a few days before, the Nihilists had published one of their usual blood-and-thunder proclamations, in which the Czar was likened unto Nero, and the Russian people were told "to be of good cheer, as the hour was at hand for their deliverance from the hated yoke." The Executive Committee added, "We cannot be more explicit now, but be strong in faith and hope; we are not, like the tyrant, isolated, but have friends and allies everywhere, who are ready and willing to fight to the death in our cause." While the population of the Russian capital was still chanting the Te Deum of its thanksgiving for the miraculous escape of the sovereign from the attempt at Moscow, the Police learned that a new plot had been formed, and that the imperial palace was to be destroyed by the explosion of a mine. The Chief of the Third Section was incredulous; the execution of such a project was impossible without the complicity of a certain number of persons in the immediate surroundings of the Emperor. Still, as what seems most improbable is often the most possible, the successor of Gen Drantein did not relax in vigilance, and, following up the clue—furnished by an anonymous communication—his agents seized two individuals on suspicion; one was in possession of an electrical apparatus; the other of a detailed plan of the Winter Palace. Their examination threw no light on the subject. They refused all explanations, indicated no accomplices. But evidence was there to show that the plot which had been deemed so absurd did exist, and that the life of the Czar was threatened even in the midst of his guards, in the bosom of his family, in the capital of his Empire, in his own residence. The discovery of their plan, it was thought, had discouraged the conspirators, as several weeks passed by of watchful vigilance and no new incident had come to confirm the apprehensions conceived after the receipt of the first denunciation and the arrest of the two suspicious individuals. Have the authorities been wanting in surveillance within the last few days or have the mines been made for some time? These are questions which will be answered, perhaps, in the course of the investigation. The Cologne *Gazette* and the Russian *New Times* give details of the affair. It is now ascertained that there was no mine, of which the construction would have been impossible. The dynamite used was inclosed in an iron box, and exploded by a system of clock-work similar to that employed by the man Thomas at Bremen some few years ago. Five minutes later all the guests would have been in the dining-room, whose flooring is only slightly injured, so that even had the mechanism been on time, the object of the assassins would not have been attained. In the guard-room, however, the effect produced was tremendous. The boards of the floor were rent to atoms, and the furniture dashed in all directions. In addition to the soldiers, who belong to the Finland regiment, two servants were wounded, all the windows on one facade of the palace and in a number of the neighboring houses along the Neva were shattered, and, as the gas was extinguished, darkness lent additional horror to the situation. These details do not, however, agree in all points with other accounts, which pretend that the mine has been followed up to the cellars of an establishment occupied by a man named Milonof, who, with a number of other persons, has been arrested. According to this authority, the hole made under the imperial table was enormous; the table was blown to pieces, and all the crockery and plate scattered and broken. A dispatch received from the Prince of Battenburg, which announced that his arrival would be delayed on account of his visit to the French Ambassador, postponed the entrance of the imperial family for a quarter of an hour; but for this, providential circumstance, every one in the room would have been killed or wounded. It is not, I conceive, of any importance whether there was a regular mine, or only a box of dynamite; the essential point is that an attempt to blow up the Czar was made, and that, although the intended victim has escaped, about 50 others have suffered. Who were its authors is the question to be solved by the Police, and as suspicion will be rife, the suggestion of the *Gelos*, to say as little as possible about the matter during the progress of the investigation, will probably be followed. The guard of the palace is intrusted to men of whose fidelity there can be no doubt; so that from this quarter no information can be expected. The guard-room is always occupied by a company of one of the regiments of the Guards, which is relieved every 24 hours. The service of the apartments is performed by the *Zoletnia Rata*—the Golden Company—composed of veterans, covered with decorations, and with the scars of honorable wounds. Their uniform is blue and gold. In the court-yards of the palace are the Red Cossacks of the Guard and the Tcherkesses and the Lesghiens of his Majesty's escort, while the inner service is confided to the Regiment of the Chevaliers-Gardes. A covered bridge connects with the palace the barracks of the Preobrajinski Regiment; the gateway of this passage is strictly watched, and every night the senior non-commissioned officer of the guard takes the key upon his person, and places his bed across the threshold, for which post of honor he receives extra pay. Besides these, two troopers of the Red Cossacks—a non-commissioned officer and a private—ride day and night, lance in rest, around the palace, and examine every suspicious-looking person who may approach. It is on account of this multiplicity of precautions that the impression of the impossibility of such an attempt without connivance from within the imperial residence has become general, but this connivance is in no instance attributed to others than to the servants or workmen who are employed in the basement and cellars, and there will be found, I think, the criminals. The dispatches received up to the present date tell of but 10 killed and 47 wounded. Yet, I am inclined to believe these numbers to be considerably below the truth. No more audacious attempt has ever been chronicled in history, and, unfortunately, it is only one of a long series which, commencing with the attack of the fanatic whose weapon was seized by Komissaroff, will, I fear, end in the destruction of him whose life is supposed to be an obstacle to the realization of the revolutionary programme. I am unwilling to believe that there are enemies of the Emperor among his courtiers. For the reasons above given, I cannot admit that any one belonging to the Court was in this particular plot, and yet, without the connivance of some one employed at the palace, how would it have been possible to lay the mine?

It is pretty well known now that the Moscow attempt failed, thanks to information furnished by a political criminal, who, in exchange for his own life, warned the authorities that the railway would be blown up at some point between Odessa and the second capital of the Empire. He could not say where, but he suggested that his Majesty should travel by the first, instead of by the second, train, which he usually takes. This advice was followed, with the happy result that the Emperor was safely within the station when the mine was fired. He may escape again and again, as in every conspiracy there are traitors or weak-kneed brethren, who at the last moment recoil before the consequences inevitable upon such a crime. But, it may be asked, can we always hope that this may be so? May not the time come when all the conspirators are blood-thirsty ruffians, or when the interval between the conception and the commission of the foul deed shall be so short, that to give warning may be materially impossible? The infernal machine of the Winter Palace shows too clearly that Russia has not seen the last of these odious attempts at regicide, and, I regret to say it, there is too much reason to fear that the days of the Czar are numbered. How and when his murder will be consummated, no man, not even he who will strike the fatal blow, can now tell, but the Police can find no trace of the criminals, and it is a terrible symptom of the growth of social decomposition to find newspapers which are professedly friends of civilization inclined less to censure the crime itself than to pity its innocent and unintended victims. The French press, in general, expresses its sentiments of horror and reprobation, and yet among many of the Republican organs there is a something which leaves a doubt whether their sentiments are heartfelt. The Czar cannot hope for security. They cry, until he has granted such reforms to his people as will insure their fidelity, and yet their most know that reform is merely a pretext, and that the Nihilists care no more for a Constitution than did the Communards of 1871. It is said that the tyrannicide movement has its adherents in all classes; of this I can find no evidence whatever, either in the cases of the German and Russian Emperors or in those of the Kings of Spain and Italy. It is pretended that among the Nihilists are many members of the aristocracy, but, if I am not mistaken, there are some seven classes of nobility in Russia, of which the lower strata have about the same social status as a street-scavenger, and if some of this class have been compromised, there is not a single instance, so far, of any one of tolerably respectable position, not utterly impecunious, who has even been suspected. In every case the assassin comes from the dregs of the people, or is a *déclassé* who works for hire, and I cannot conceive how so much maudlin sympathy has been wasted upon these so-called "martyrs of liberty" who have been hanged upon official gibbets, or have been sent to work in the quicksilver mines of the Ural. If the illustrious Joseph Prudhomme still lived he would have repeated, and with more reason than ever, his celebrated phrase about Europe dancing on a volcano, for, socially and politically, everything is in a state of ebullition such as has not been seen since 1848. War or revolution are the two horns of the dilemma, and in the former the Czar may be driven to seek the only possible—I will not say efficient—termination to domestic disorders. One result, at least, has been accomplished by the revolutionaries. Whether Alexander II. wills or does not abdicate, the triumph of liberal institutions on the Continent has been delayed for another half a century. The present form of government of France is viewed with suspicion, its politicians are accused of demagogical propensities, and it is only tolerated because, hitherto, it has been unaggressive. So long as M. Grévy remains in the Presidency, and M. Gambetta retains his sway over the majority of the Parliament, there is no danger that the French Republic will give any pretext for the interference of foreigners in its home affairs; but, should they be swept aside by the torrent of advanced Radicalism, we may expect a general Conservative league among nations for the protection of society against universal disorganization. Not that France will be invaded again by the coalition, as she was at the close of the last century; there is no Louis XVI. now in whose cause to draw the sword, but she will be isolated from the European concert, and be left to work out her own destruction according to the devices of that party which, by its organ, *Le Mot d'Ordre*, calls the crime of the 17th February "a political accident," and hints, with unmistakable precision, that the whole affair was gotten up to serve as a pretext to those who would persuade the Czar that to grant a Constitution to his subjects is inexpedient and dangerous.

There is good reason to believe that important concessions were to have been made, and that the *Messager Officiel* of the 2d of March—the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Emperor's coronation—would have contained a decree abolishing press censure and submitting press misdemeanors to the jurisdiction of ordinary tribunals; the Poles were to be granted all the rights and privileges so far reserved only to the strictly Russian Provinces; a Constitution giving a species of Parliamentary form to the administration was to be promulgated; and this change of régime was to coincide with an important change in the imperial *personnel*, whence Prince Gortschakoff, Prince Tolstöi, and others of the old school were probably to be eliminated. There may be a good deal of exaggeration in these projects of reform, although they come to me on very good authority; still there is usually some fire where there is so much smoke, and the Emperor's liberal disposition give ground for supposing that nothing would please him more than to continue in the course which he began by the emancipation of the serfs, but it is permissible to doubt whether attempts against his life such as this are calculated to hasten the moment of the birth of freedom in the Russian Empire. There is a constant interchange of dispatches between the Russian Chancellor and the French Foreign Office, and the arrest of a Russian traveler in a large hotel of the Champs Elysées quarter shows that not only the Muscovite Police is on the track, but that M. De Freycinet does not mean to lend a handle to the accusations of those who pretend that France is becoming an asylum for political criminals. I am expecting to read very shortly a series of denunciations of our eminent Minister of Foreign Affairs in the columns of that foul radical press, one of whose organs, called "Journal d'Arc, Judith, Charlotte Corday, and Vera Sassulitch in the same category of heroines, "to whom much shall be pardoned because they have hated so much;" yet this rant will not do much harm so long as the majority in the Chambers remains, as now, disposed to support the Cabinet, so that we apparently are safe from any social cataclysm until the next general elections of 1882, whose results will either, as I believe, set up a genuine conservative Republic, to which all the friends of law and order will rally, or else throw the country into the hands of the Communards, whose excesses will finally work out a cure for the great social leprosy.

VENNOR NOT DISMAYED.

HE ESSAYS NOW TO PREDICT THE WEATHER FOR MARCH AND APRIL.

To the Editor of the Montreal Witness:

SIR: With the last day of February I catch up my weather line again, and observe that the last week of that month has been, after all, but little different from my forecast of it—in fact, that instead of the consecutive three days' "dip," anticipated for the 23d, 24th, and 25th, it came to us in a divided condition, namely, on the 24th (7° below zero) and on the 29th and following day. And now for "March, the old buster that comes in with a blister." I am pleased to observe that he comes in this time natural-like, and does not attempt, as is sometimes does, to conceal what "old Winter" still has in store for us. He, however, certainly forget that February rejoiced in 29 days this year. March, then, will or will not support my forecast of September last, wherein I stated "but the outline presented to me I just as definitely as the heaviest snow falls and the exceedingly chilly the latter half and end of the Winter." (*Witness*, Sept. 1, 1879.) So far this prediction is on the right side, as our city roads well testify to, but from this date snow falls ought to commence to score, not only at Montreal, Quebec, and Ottawa, but as well around London and Toronto in Ontario, and through portions of the United States. Strange as it may appear to some, the closing day of February and the entry of March, gave me, first, indications respecting the weather of the first week of April, and next, for the 15th, 16th, and 17th days of March and as these indications besides being the first are the foundation of the following forecast of March, I shall first refer to them. April, then, I sketch as entering cold and stormy, with snow up to the 4th or 5th day, after which cold rains may continue to about the 13th, the 24 and 4th days being probably the most wintry. Next, I foresee a cold term ending in a heavy snowfall on the 15th, 16th, and 17th days of March; the 16th and 17th to be the days of snow-fall. This storm period will in all probability reach both Boston and New-York, but should cold rains replace snow in these last-named cities I shall not be surprised. The third indication I have brings in the 5th, 6th, and 7th days of March for both cold weather and snow; the 13th for snow again, and the 15th and 16th for cold. Snow-falls are also likely to occur on the 1st or 2d, 21st and 22d, and the 27th, one of these latter dates giving a general and heavy fall. Between the dates thus given for cold and snow-falls, the weather, of course, may be expected to be mild and Spring-like, consequently slush will abound. The stormiest part of March is almost certain to occur after the 15th of the month, and my American friends must excuse me if I again include a moderate and reasonable portion of their territories in this last prediction. HENRY G. VENNOR.

1st March, 1880.

N. B.—May I ask newspaper editors who may reproduce the above letter to be careful in preserving the exact dates given.

THE OCCULTATION OF MARS.

From the Providence Journal, March 3.

Mars is evening star, and holds the place of honor as the most interesting member of the planetary brotherhood during the month, for he plays an important part in a beautiful celestial phenomenon that occurs in the early evening of the 17th. An occultation of Mars by the moon will then take place under conditions favorable for observation. The occultation will commence about 6:30 o'clock, and the planet will be hidden for more than an hour. Mars will be about an hour past the meridian, and at an altitude above the horizon that will insure a good view, while the moon will be within a day of her first quarter. If the weather is propitious, there will be no drawback to the perfection of the show. At 6:44, Mars will disappear behind the dark side of the moon; this is called the time of immersion. At 8:00:34, he will appear on the eastern edge of the moon; this is called the time of emersion. The duration of the occultation will be an hour and sixteen minutes. A good telescope will increase the interest and grandeur of the phenomenon. The eastern or unilluminated portion of the moon will first pass between us and the planet. The instant Mars touches the invisible outline of the lunar disk, he will apparently be blotted out of the sky. After an hour and sixteen minutes have passed, the ruddy star will suddenly start forth from his hiding-place, trembling for a second on the verge of a western verge, charmingly illustrating the contrast in colors between the red light of Mars and the silvery hue of the moon; then the show will be over, and satellite and planet will roll on in their respective paths. The position of Mars should be thoroughly fixed by those who would witness the occultation. He has passed the Pleiades, and is now almost directly north of Aldebaran. His size and brightness are slowly diminishing as he travels from us and toward the sun. Mars now sets shortly after 1 in the morning; at the close of the month, about a half hour after midnight.

GENERAL TELEGRAPH NEWS

ARMY AND NAVY NEWS.

ORDERS TO OFFICERS—A BILL REGULATING PROMOTIONS IN THE MARINE CORPS.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Second Lieut. George B. Walker, Sixth Infantry, having complied with orders from Head-quarters, will rejoin his proper station. The order directing First Lieut. O. A. L. Totten, Fourth Artillery, to rejoin his proper station is revoked, and Lieut. Totten is assigned to special duty at Fort Columbus, New-York Harbor, until May 1, 1880, when he will proceed to join his proper station. Major Henry Goodfellow, Judge Advocate, is relieved from duty in the office of the Secretary of War, and will report to the Judge Advocate-General of the United States Army for duty in the Bureau of Military Justice. Assistant Surgeons Paul R. Brown and James A. Finley, of the Medical Department, will report in person to the President of the Medical Examining Board, in session in New-York City, for examination for promotion, and upon completion of the examination will report in person to the commanding General of the Department of the East for assignment to duty. The extension of the leave of absence granted Second Lieut. C. H. Lester, Eighth Cavalry, is further extended three months. The leave of absence granted First Lieut. J. B. Hickey, Eighth Cavalry, is extended five months.

Lieut. Isaac Hazlett is ordered to the Hydrographic Office.

The bill reported from the Committee on Naval Affairs to-day, by Senator McPherson, to regulate appointments and promotions in the Marine Corps, provides that appointments to fill vacancies in the offices of Commandant of the Marine Corps shall be filled by appointment by selection from line officers on the active list who have served 30 years, and upward, as commissioned officers in the corps. All vacancies in the grades of Colonel, Lieutenant-Colonel, Captain, and First Lieutenant shall be filled by promotion of line officers of the corps on the active list according to seniority. Vacancies in the offices of Adjutant and Inspector and of Paymaster shall be made by selection from line officers on the active list who have served 20 years or more as commissioned officers. A vacancy in the office of Quartermaster of the corps is to be filled by promotion from the Assistant Quartermasters on the active list, according to seniority, or from officers of the corps not below the grade of Captain. Vacancies in the office of Assistant Quartermaster are to be filled by selection from line officers on the active list who have served 15 years or longer as commissioned officers in the corps. The bill also provides that no officer below the grade of Colonel shall be promoted to a higher grade on the active list of the corps until he has been examined by a board selected from the medical corps of the Navy, and pronounced physically, mentally, morally, and professionally competent to perform all his duties. Exception is made so as not to exclude from promotion any officer whose physical disqualification was occasioned by wounds received in the line of his duty, which do not incapacitate him for duties in the grade to which he may be promoted. The bill also provides that any officer below the grade of Major who, upon examination for promotion, is not found professionally qualified, shall be suspended from promotion for one year, and at the expiration of that time be re-examined, and, in case of failure, dropped from the service. It also provides that any officer of the corps who, upon examination for promotion, is not found morally qualified shall be dropped from the service, and, at the discretion of the President, may be allowed one year's pay.

LONDON, March 3.—The United States steamer Swatara arrived at Malta to-day. She will sail to-morrow for China.

NOTES FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1880.

The receipts from internal revenue to-day were $342,790 17, and from Customs $1,453,239 27.

A circular letter has been addressed by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue to Collectors, informing them that immediately after the close of the fiscal year an examination of all the offices will be made, with a view of ascertaining the financial condition of the various offices and agents intrusted with the collection of internal revenue taxes. The letter states, however, that it is believed the receipts from internal revenue taxes for the current year have been duly accounted for.

Complaints having been made of the failure of letters posted here in the latter part of the day, to arrive in New-York in time for early delivery the next morning, the matter has been the subject of correspondence between Postmaster James, of New-York, and Postmaster Jünger, of this city, and arrangements have now been made whereby all letters deposited in the Washington Post Office up to 5 P. M. will be dispatched by train leaving at 5:37, and will reach New-York in time for delivery on the first carrier trip throughout the City.

The Secretary of the Interior had a conference with Chief Ouray, the Uncompahgre and White River Utes, this afternoon, at which the Indians virtually agreed to accept the terms of the Government and cede their reservation. As soon as a definite understanding is reached the Secretary will submit the details of the agreement to Congress. It is thought that the White River Utes will be removed to the Uintah reservation, in Utah, and that Ouray and the Uncompahgres will be settled in severalty on land on the Grand River, in Utah. At a previous interview, the Southern Ute delegation consented to give up their present reservation. They will probably be placed on a strip of land bordered by the La Plata River, in New-Mexico, and near the Navajo reservation.

An extensive reduction in the working force of the Government Printing Office was made today in consequence of the almost entire exhaustion of the appropriation made for the maintenance of that office during the present fiscal year. Notices were posted in the building today to the effect that the Public Printer is prohibited by law from contracting debts in advance of appropriations, and that as the appropriation for the present year is nearly exhausted, he is compelled to "furlough" the greater part of the employes. About 1,000 men and women are thrown out of employment, and will remain idle until the deficiency appropriation, which has been pending before the House Appropriation Committee for some time, shall be made. Public Printer Defrees says a sufficient force has been retained to get out the *Congressional Record*, and do the necessary work of the departments for a few days longer.

Col. R. C. Wintersmith, of Louisville, Ky., to whom the delivery of registered letters and the payment of money orders was forbidden a few days ago, on account of his conducting what was represented to be a fraudulent lottery, under the name of the "Frankfort School Fund Lottery," appeared at the Post Office Department to-day and represented that his lottery was authorized by a law of Kentucky, and was not in any sense fraudulent. If sufficient evidence be produced to sustain the legality and fairness of this lottery, the order of Postmaster-General Key will have to be suspended in the case of Col. Wintersmith, as it was in the case of M. A. Dauphin. The Postmaster-General has asked Congress to strike out the word "fraudulent," as applied to lotteries, in sections 3,929 and 4,041 of the Revised Statutes. Until this is done it will be impossible to stop registered letters on money-orders addressed to agents of legally-authorized lotteries which are honestly conducted.

The Ponca Investigating Committee to-day examined White Eagle, the head chief of the Poncas, who was one of the delegation of 10 that went to examine the Indian Territory. He testified that while the Poncas were at work, with no intention of removing anywhere, Inspector Kemble and two other men came there and told them that they must move to the Indian Territory. They replied that they did not want to move anywhere. Kemble told them that the President's will and command was that they must go. He asked these men if they would swear with lifted hands that the President had sent them on this errand. They said they were willing to be sworn, so he swore them after the manner of white men, as nearly as he knew how. White Eagle then went on to state that in order to fulfill the President's wish, he and nine other Chiefs went to the Indian Territory, but found no land that suited them. They told Kemble so, and asked him to take them home, but he refused. He also refused to give them any money to take them home or any papers to explain the case to white people on the route so that they could get something to eat on their journey. They started home on foot, living on corn which they picked and what little money they could get from the sale of moccasins and ornaments.

NEW PROFESSOR FOR RUTGERS.

NEWARK, N. J., March 3.—The Rev. Charles E. Hart, Pastor of the North Reformed Church in this city, has just been elected Professor of English Literature in Rutgers College, at New-Brunswick. It is understood that this Professorship is a new one, and does not supersede that of Rhetoric, now filled, by Prof. Doolittle. Mr. Hart will in all probability accept the position.

CRIME AND CRIMINALS.

PROCEEDINGS IN CRIMINAL CASES—OFFENSES REPORTED YESTERDAY.

OTTAWA, Ontario, March 3.—A man named Sherry, who has been in the city for several weeks endeavoring to organize a company to run a gold mine in California, being unsuccessful, left here yesterday afternoon for Cornwallis. He was followed to that city by Chief Sherwood, and arrested immediately on arrival, on charge of being an escaped convict from Concord. His movements in this city were closely watched by the Police.

LOGAN, Ontario, March 3.—The Coroner's jury in the Donnelly inquest has returned a verdict that James, Judith, Thomas, and Bridget Donnelly were murdered and burned on the night of Feb. 3 or the morning of Feb. 4 by some person or persons unknown to the jury. In the case of John Donnelly, the jury returned a verdict that he died from the effects of gun-shot wounds, on Feb. 5, received from a gun in the hands of a person to the jury unknown.

DANVILLE, Va., March 3.—M. H. Tredway, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, was convicted of embezzlement in the United States District Court here to-day.

Judge Hyde to-day remanded the negroes, Reynolds, to the Sheriff of Patrick County, in accordance with the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Internal Revenue Collector Clark, at Atlanta, reports to Commissioner Raum that his Deputies have seized two more illicit distilleries, one in Haralson and the other in Paulding County. They were both operated while in operation.

SLAUGHTERVILLE, Ky., March 3.—Town Marshal Brown, on Monday last, shot Edward Griffin in the abdomen. Griffin died yesterday. He had just returned from two years' service in the Penitentiary for an outrage on a woman, and had threatened to "get even" with Brown, who had been instrumental in his conviction. He attacked Brown while drunk, with the above result.

WARREN, Ohio, March 3.—The cases against Kennedy, the defaulting ex-Auditor, were finally disposed of this morning, he pleading guilty to two indictments, and receiving a sentence of one year in the Penitentiary on each, which, with the two years given him at the last term of court, makes four years' imprisonment.

RAMSDAY, Ohio, March 3.—Benjamin Robinson yesterday received sentence to the Penitentiary for five years for shooting with intent to kill. On being removed to jail, in the presence of a few friends, he was married to Miss Effie Coon, to whom he had been engaged for two years. Both persons are respectably connected.

LONDON, Ontario, March 3.—Cook Hover, the late City Clerk of Urbana, Ohio, and alleged to be a defaulter to the amount of $60,000 to that municipality, has been arrested near this city by Detective Jennings, of St. Thomas, and taken to that town out on preliminary examination, which will take place Tuesday next.

HOW BUCHOLZ WAS BETRAYED.

THE DETECTIVE AGAIN TELLS THE STORY OF THE PRISONER'S STATEMENTS.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 3.—At the Buchols trial to-day, Franklin Bischoff, of New York, testified that Schulte came to his father's banking-house on Dec. 27, 1878, at which time he exchanged German mark bills. The witness gave him in exchange four gold mark pieces, in one of which was a hole. This piece was shown to the witness, and he identified it as the one given Schulte.

Ernest Stark, the detective who was employed to work up the case, related the circumstance of forming the acquaintance of Buchols in the Bridgeport Jail, the witness being confined as a prisoner charged with forgery, under the name of Sommers. Buchols came to the witness's cell, showing him the article in the New-York *Staats Zeitung* in regard to finding Schulte's watch; the witness said to him, "It looks rather bad for you;" Buchols replied, "I did not go that way," and said to the witness that the reason he was suspected of the crime was because Schulte's servant was with him that night. Buchols told the witness that his statement made before the Coroner's jury did not amount to anything, because he did not understand the laws of the country; he had employed good lawyers, and agreed to pay them $1,500 for services; the money was on account if he could get clear; he told the witness that if he could get out for a few hours he would go and lift Schulte's treasure; he said Schulte had concealed under his floor a box containing about $60,000; said this money was marked with ink of a peculiar kind, which Schulte had brought from Germany; Buchols told the witness where the pocket-books were hidden in the barn near Waring's house, and gave a diagram of the place. Stark related the circumstances of going after the money, which was found as directed by Buchols. The witness took the money to New-York and delivered it to the German Consul-General; he returned to Bridgeport, visited the prisoner at the jail, and informed him he had found the money, when Buchols protested that the pocket-books should be thrown in some place where suspicion would be thrown on other persons. Bucholz one day said to the witness that he rather suspected him of being a detective, and said should he prove such and testify against him he would tell his counsel to throw up the case; he would then confess to the court and stab himself in the heart. The prisoner again told witness he wished he would get Gruenewold, Schulte's former servant, out of the way; also, throw away the gold piece having a hole in it, as it was important evidence and might go against him.

A SWINDLER IN TROUBLE.

WALTER MITCHELL AGAIN ARRESTED, AFTER COMPROMISING A RECENT FRAUD.

MILFORD, Penn., March 3.—Walter Mitchell, a notorious land swindler, who has operated throughout this part of Pennsylvania for many years, was arrested at Port Jervis, N. Y., last evening, and taken this morning to Jersey City, to answer to a charge of having recently defrauded a man named Cox, of Jersey City, of about $4,000. Mitchell had deeded Cox a piece of almost worthless land, in Delaware Township, Pike County, Penn., instead of a valuable farm he had been previously showing, and which belonged to other persons, receiving therefor about $2,000 cash, and property situated near New-York, valued at $2,000. Cox did not discover the fraud until he had paid about $3,000 upon the purchase. He then went before the Hudson County Grand Jury and obtained an indictment against Mitchell for obtaining money under false pretenses. This being represented to Gov. Hoyt, of Pennsylvania, he granted a requisition for Mitchell's arrest. Mitchell, hearing of this, made his escape and kept secreted until his counsel partially succeeded in settling the matter. A compromise was finally made, Mitchell refunding the money received from Cox, and exchanging papers. The costs in the case were large, and were not settled. Last evening Mitchell was on his way to Jersey City to pay the costs, when he was arrested. Mitchell is an old offender, and has swindled many New-York persons in the same manner he did Cox, selling large amounts of real estate in Pike County, which he has purchased from time to time at land sales for taxes. He is a noted criminal, and is well known to the New-York authorities.

ACCIDENTS TO VESSELS.

LONDON, March 3.—The Norwegian ship Lady Blessington, Capt. Lindahlsen, from London, Feb. 23, for Philadelphia, which was in collision on the same date and sank in the Thames, has been raised and beached.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The signal service observer at New-London, Conn., reports to the Chief Signal Officer as follows: "Two coal-barges, Clements and William Robbins, each containing 500 tons of coal, sank off Goshen Reef to-day in four fathoms of water. They were bound from New-York to Norwich. The owner's name is Dentz."

FEARING HER CONVICT HUSBAND.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 3.—Mrs. Atwell Saunders, who shot herself in West Gloucester on Saturday, died yesterday. It is found that she had not been legally divorced, having regarded the incarceration of her husband in the State Prison as a practical divorce. Her convict husband married another woman last week, and the object of the suicide, Mrs. Saunders was to secure himself that she would not trouble him.

THE NEW SHOAL AT SANDY HOOK.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., March 3.—A party of engineers attached to the United States Marine Service arrived here to-day to make an examination of the new shoal at Sandy Hook on which the steamship State of Nevada stranded on Saturday night, and make an official report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

KILLING HIMSELF WITH POISON.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 3.—E. Raymond, who registered from New-York City, Feb. 23, died here to-day from the effects of chloroform and digitalis, taken shortly after his arrival. He refused to give his residence or place of business.

CASPER ARONSON'S TROUBLES.

The suit of Casper Aronson against the Home Insurance Company, to recover $5,000 insurance on a stock of goods destroyed by fire in a store in Broome-street, on June 4, 1877, has been dismissed by Judge Donohue, sitting in the Supreme Court, Circuit, on the technical ground that no properly-certified statement of the circumstances of the fire and of the losses caused by it was ever presented to the defendant corporation. Aronson testified on the trial that he had had much trouble with insurance companies through his attempts to collect insurances on his property destroyed in several fires that have occurred within five or six years. This trouble had affected his mind, he said, so much that he was unable to recall the circumstances of the last fire in Broome-street. His counsel on the trial was Mr. Morris Goodman. Messrs. Blunkite & Heald appeared for the Home Insurance Company.

RAILROAD MANAGEMENT

WORK AND PLANS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

AN ANNUAL MEETING DETERRED WITH—MINNESOTA ORGANIZATIONS COMBINED—ERIE'S PLANS—ST. LOUIS, IRON MOUNTAIN AND SOUTHERN REPORT.

CHICAGO, March 3.—The annual meeting of the Chicago and I

QUESTIONS OF METHODISM

WHAT THE GENERAL CONFERENCE WILL DO.

THE NEW BISHOPS TO BE APPOINTED, AND WHO WILL PROBABLY BE SELECTED—QUALIFICATIONS OF THE VARIOUS CANDIDATES—EDITORSHIPS AND SECRETARYSHIPS TO BE FILLED.

CINCINNATI, March 2.—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is to be held in this city, beginning May 1, is now so near that much of its more important business is already taking shape, and can, in most cases with strong probability, and in some cases with almost certainty, be forecast. In fact, the special, informal conference, auxiliary to the General (and to some extent ratifying) Conference has been in session throughout the length and breadth of the United States for two or three months, and though its doings are published only in whispers in the ear, and in confidential talks by the Pastor's fireside, at the Church editor's table, at the Church secretary's desk, and in the Bishop's office, they are widely and well known to those concerned. The business of the Methodist Church affords abundant and excellent opportunity for the publication of such informal proceedings. The meetings of the Book Committee, one of which closed in this city three weeks ago, call together from all parts of the country, besides laymen, more than 20 prominent ministers, all, or nearly all, members of the General Conference. Then there is the annual meeting of the Bishops, and the annual missionary meeting, which requires the attendance of all the Bishops, and many ministerial members from Oregon to Florida, and which is attended by nearly all the editors of the Church. By these means and many more the decisions of the anticipatory informal conference are made and published.

The Bishops have no voice in the legislation of the Church, except the "still small voice." But this is made very penetrating by their personal popularity and influence, by which they were enabled in the first place to attain episcopal place, by their intimate personal acquaintance with all the delegates, and by their episcopal power, authority, and prestige. The last General Conference afforded excellent illustration of the power of the episcopal preference. The Rev. Dr. Curry, editor of the *Christian Advocate* at New-York, had incurred the dislike of some total abstinence zealots in the Church by the temperate tone of his editorials on their hobby, and he had offended others by other, no far admitting the improvability of the Methodist economy as to open the columns of his paper, as the General Conference of 1876 approached, for the discussion in a moderate and loyal way of some mooted changes in the administrative detail of that economy. Consequently, in the General Conference of 1876, he would have had a slight scattering opposition to his re-election to the office of editor of the *Advocate*, but he would have been triumphantly elected. But the Bishops, whose dislike he had also incurred, really headed, managed, and directed the opposition to him; picked out a man to run against him, and after one of the hardest struggles for their favorite that the Episcopal Board ever made, they barely succeeded in electing him and defeating Dr. Curry. It was well known among the initiated, weeks before that Baltimore General Conference, that the Rev. Dr. C. H. Fowler was "the Bishops' man" for editor of the *Advocate*, just as it was understood for months that the Rev. Dr. R. Nelson was "the Bishops' man" for Book Agent.

One of the most interesting questions to come up at the General Conference will be that of the number of additional Bishops to be made, and who they shall be. It is generally conceded—in inside circles—that the number will not be under four nor over six. It may be considered certain that there will not be less than four new Bishops made, and highly probable that the number will not go above six, though it is barely possible that a pressure of candidates may set in so well the number to eight; either four or five are the more probable numbers. In any event, two of the future Bishops can be named with certainty. If five are elected, three can be now named, and if six are elected, four can be now named. The two who are certain of election, provided they live, are the Rev. Dr. J. F. Hurst, President of Drew Theological Seminary, a young man, of European education, ripe scholarship, and good executive ability, and the Rev. Dr. Cyrus D. Foss, President of the Wesleyan University, of whom Eastern Methodists, and New-York especially, need not to be told, a man of whom any Church might well be proud. After these the most prominent candidates are the Rev. Dr. H. W. Warren, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. J. M. Walden, Cincinnati; the Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, Philadelphia; the Rev. Dr. C. H. Fowler, New-York; the Rev. Dr. E. O. Fuller, Atlanta; the Rev. Dr. E. O. Haven, Syracuse, and the Rev. Dr. Stratton, San Francisco. The Rev. Dr. H. W. Warren, of Philadelphia, is brother of the President of Boston University, and has filled the most influential pulpits in different New-England cities, New-York, and Philadelphia. He will receive the solid support of New-England and the Middle States. He is also well and widely known to the Church at large as a writer for the Church periodicals. He may be said to stand a fair chance, but he is not generally put third on the list. It is believed that the struggle for the third place on the Hat will be between the three whose names follow that of Dr. Warren in the list given above.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Walden, junior member of the firm of Hitchcock & Walden, agents of the Western Methodist Book Concern, received the largest vote for Bishop at the Brooklyn General Conference, in 1872, of any candidate who was not elected. He is a well-known candidate for episcopal honors at the hands of the approaching General Conference. He is "solid" with Southern and Western Methodism. The North-west is not a unit in his favor, the East is noncommittal. Many of his friends fear that he will lose votes by the over-zealous electioneering of Cincinnati, where he is a favorite. A very prominent Methodist remarked, the other day, on this subject: "If it were dinner-time and there were two hotels, and one was beating a gong, and the other was not, the General Conference would go to the one without the gong, just from a natural dislike of being dictated to as to where it should feed." Dr. Walden is a shrewd, able man who would worthily fill the episcopal bench; but, excepting, of course, Bishop Wiley, resident here, he has no large amount of backing by the Board of Bishops. The Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, of Philadelphia, is Secretary of the Church Extension Society, and a member of one of the Iowa Conferences. He divides with the Rev. Dr. C. H. Fowler, of New-York, the candidacy of the North-west and one of the two is bound to win. Dr. Fowler, mindful of the fable of the dog and the shadow, is a candidate for re-election to the office of editor of the *Advocate* at New-York, and will not run in the episcopal race until 1884; but if his friends pick him up and carry him over the centre, why, he would submit as gracefully as he could. But Dr. Fowler, not being a candidate, and the North-west being determined to have at least one man out of the number elected, Methodists might as well accustom themselves to the sound of Bishop Kynett. The South demands one man, and has settled on the Rev. Dr. E. O. Fuller, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, at Atlanta, Ga., and if six men are elected, he will probably be one. The Rev. Dr. Stratton is the candidate of the Pacific coast. Among a host of other names mentioned by their friends, the following are the most prominent: The Rev. Drs. R. M. Hatfield, Evanston, Ill.; S. F. Upham, Boston, Mass.; Moses Hill, of the Erie Conference; C. H. Payne, Delaware, Ohio, and H. B. Ridgeway, Cincinnati, Ohio.

There is every indication that a strong fight will be made by the respective friends of the Rev. Drs. Curry and Fowler for the editorship of the New-York *Advocate*, and in case Dr. Fowler is made Bishop, the many friends of the Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, of Brooklyn, will put him forward to contest for the editorship. The New-York Book Concern will remain Phillips & Hunt. If Dr. Walden is made Bishop, Indiana will demand that the Rev. Dr. J. L. Hight, assistant editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, be made junior Book Agent of the Western Concern. The other editorships and Secretaryships will probably not change, except that, if the Rev. Dr. Kynett gives up the Secretaryship of the Church Extension Society, the Rev. Dr. (Chaplain) C. C. McCabe stands right in the line of promotion. He is also a North-western man, as well as a universal favorite, and that region will, of course, work with added zeal to make Dr. Kynett Bishop in order to promote "Charley" McCabe.

DEMOCRATIC WORKINGS IN ALABAMA.

From the Mobile (Ala.) Register, Feb. 29.

We have information from North Alabama of a very grave character. It comes from a true and patriotic Democratic source, and may be relied upon. It is to the effect that a formidable combination of Greenbackers and Republicans is organizing against the Democratic Party, and that, unless the latter party go steadily and systematically to work, it is not improbable that North Alabama may act as it did in 1872, when Col. Herndon was defeated for Governor, and Grant carried the State. Very few imagined eight years ago that Alabama, with all of her white vote once more enfranchised, would permit the Republican Party, composed almost entirely of blacks, to get possession of the State Government. Yet such was the fact, and such may be the fact again, if we permit dissensions in our ranks, and allow personal ambition to overweigh our regard for the public weal.

CONSPIRATORS ON THE RACK.

MARCUS T. SACIA TELLS WHAT HE DID NOT DO—A PRISONER WHO DECLARES MRS. LEWIS TO BE MRS. LEWIS.

TRENTON, March 3.—In the trial of the Lewis will conspirators to-day, C. S. See, the Master in Chancery, who took the evidence in the probate proceedings, resumed his evidence as to the testimony taken before him. In doing so, he referred to six volumes of printed testimony, containing over 3,000 pages. The object of Mr. See's testimony was to show that by reason of the conspiracy the probate of the will was delayed. Mrs. Lewis was recalled and cross-examined by Judge Hoffman. She said that she resided with a Mrs. Brown, at No. 123 West Twenty-seventh-street, New-York; it was not a house of ill-fame; she heard that it had become so afterward; she did not live there for that purpose; she did not live in New-York and carry on that for a business. The Government here rested its case.

Ex-Judge Hoffman opened the case for the defendant Parks, asking the court to instruct the jury to acquit him. The whole testimony against Dr. Parks had its foundation in what had been said by this woman, [Mrs. Lewis.] He asked if she was such a woman as to be believed? She was here as a confessed perjurer, confessedly guilty of subornation of perjury. Judge Hoffman insisted that Mrs. Lewis's testimony was not corroborated; the defendants should not be compelled to go into a defense. Mr. Mayo made a similar argument on behalf of the other defendant. Judge Nixon decided that the case was a proper one to go to the jury, and refused the motions.

Marcus T. Sacia, one of the defendants, testified that he resided in Jersey City, and had been indicted in New-York in 1876, but had not been tried. He denied all knowledge of the conspiracy, or that he ever saw Mrs. Lewis or Bradford before they testified in this case. He was introduced to Caldwell by his father, and had known Arnold since 1865. He did not know of the conspiracy until Arnold told him that he was sorry he [Arnold] was in it, and that he had been compelled to make an affidavit under threat that if he did not do so he would be sent to State Prison. He did not know why Arnold implicated him. He had met Dr. Parks at Bushe's Hotel, in Hoboken—not in relation to the Lewis will case, but about some land out West. He was examined before the Master to contradict bogus statements furnished Mr. Gilchrist. He knew Fish, the Justice of the Peace, for several years. He had been arrested several times for dealing in bank stock, assault and battery, &c., but was never tried.

Upon cross-examination, Sacia said he was not arrested in 1857 for counterfeiting by Capt. Williamson, in New-York. He was not tried for receiving stolen goods in 1856. In 1862 he was arrested for Jim Fisk, Jr., Brooks; it was a bogus arrest. In 1863 he was locked up in the First Ward Station-house in New-York. He lived in Iowa in 1867 and 1870, dealing in real estate. He was not arrested in 1873 for subornation of perjury in the United States courts. He did not know that he was indicted with a man named Gildersleve, who served a term in the Albany Penitentiary. Britton was the cause of bringing him into this case; he [Britton] could imitate the witness's handwriting. The witness was arrested in relation to bank stock in 1874, and was discharged. He did not recollect being indicted for forgery in April, 1875. He did not write a postal card to Arnold; it was a forgery. He knew it was because he did not write it. He never saw Mrs. Lewis or Bradford until he saw them here. As to the testimony of O'Keefe that he carried letters between the witness and Caldwell, Sacia said: "It is a lie!" Mr. Winfield told the witness that Mr. Gilchrist had several very serious charges against him, and he wanted him to go before the Master to contradict them. He did not tell Mr. Lyon [the New-York lawyer whose testimony was ruled out yesterday] that he [witness] wanted him to go to Judge Hoffman's Chiropodist and tell him that he [witness] would give the whole Lewis will case away for $50,000. He had a conversation with Mr. Lyon about the Lewis will case, but Mr. Lyon then suggested that the witness should find out about it, as they wanted to know about it over the river. He never employed Mr. Lyon as a counsel, and did not go to him on that occasion to do so.

Frank Allinson, one of the defendants, was called, but after a consultation with Mr. Mayo, his counsel, did not go upon the stand.

Henry T. Bassford, another defendant, testified that he never saw Caldwell until 1878, when Caldwell introduced himself to the witness in the Post Office. No one was ever at his house in Ninth-avenue, New-York, except Mrs. Lewis once, and his wife and child. He never received a letter from Mrs. Lewis appointing an interview between Sacia and Bradford. He was arrested once in Washington in a patent suit. He never saw the certificate and frame before he saw it in court. Caldwell never handed them to the witness and Caldwell's testimony was false. The witness denied all knowledge of the marriage certificates. When Caldwell first met the witness at the Post Office, he had Fleet with him, and they were talking about a certificate that would have to be produced. He did write to Caldwell under the name of "Clark." He saw Mr. Russell, counsel for Cathcart, and told him that he "would have to look out for Caldwell and Fleet, as they were the —— rascals unhung." He first met Mrs. Lewis at Jane Hastings, at No. 15 Carroll-place, Bleecker and Thompson streets, at Mrs. Hutson's, in 1858. Mrs. Lewis's testimony that she did not live there, was false. The witness said he believed, and still believes, Mrs. Lewis to be the widow of Joseph L. Lewis. He knew Joseph L. Lewis, and had seen him several times. He never received from or handed any letters to Caldwell. He knew that there was a conspiracy to upset the character of Mrs. Lewis, which had reached to the witness that since his marriage with Mr. Lewis she had been very indiscreet. The witness advised her to confess it to her lawyer, and withdraw the proceedings in Chancery in Jersey City. When the witness met Mrs. Lewis at No. 15 Carroll-place she was known as Jane Hastings, and as a married woman. Joseph L. Lewis to him. Lewis was then courting Miss Hastings, and the witness tried to make himself very agreeable to her. He saw Lewis there three times then. She went away and came back in 1862, and then introduced Lewis to the witness as her husband. That was 22 years ago. He met Lewis in Wall-street, and made an appointment to meet him at his house in Hoboken; he did meet him there. "Notwithstanding that Mrs. Lewis says she is not the widow of Joseph L. Lewis, I know as well as I know anything that she is." I have had the same inducements offered me to deny it. I never saw Bradford until I came to Trenton, nor Dr. Parks until he was brought into the Hudson County Jail."

COAL PRICES ARRANGED.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—On and after March 15, the prices for coal, delivered on board of vessels at Port Richmond, will be as follows: Hard white ash coal, broken, $3 65; egg, $3 65; stove, $3 65; chestnut, $3 55; pea, $2 40. Free-burning white ash coal, broken, $3 35; egg, $3 35; stove, $3 65; chestnut, $3 55; pea, $2 40. North Franklin white ash coal, broken, $3 35; egg, $3 35; stove, $3 65; chestnut, $3 55; pea, $2 40. Schuylkill red ash coal, egg, $3 65; stove, $3 85; chestnut, $3 55; pea, $2 40. Shamokin, egg, $3 50; stove, $3 75; chestnut, $3 65; pea, $2 40. Shamokin red ash coal, (Falco,) egg, $3 60; stove, $3 85; chestnut, $3 55. Lorberry coal, broken, $4; egg, $4; stove, $4; chestnut, $3 60. Lykins Valley coal, (Brockside,) broken, $4 75; egg, $4 75; stove, $4 75; chestnut, $4 25. The prices for hard white ash lump and steam-boat coal, delivered from this same place, will be $4 40 each.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, March 3.—In the Court of Appeals to-day, business was transacted as follows: No. 96—John W. Harvey, appellant, vs. Christopher J. Lott, respondent; submitted. No. 16—William P. Beard et al., Executors, appellants, vs. Horatio N. Gray, respondent; argued by John E. Parsons for appellants and by Abram Wakeman for the respondent. No. 89—Charles C. Harrison et al., respondents, vs. William R. Ross et al., appellants; argued by F. G. Cantine for appellants and by John E. Parsons for the respondents.

The day calendar for Thursday, March 4, is as follows: Nos. 83, 103, 105, 94, 102, 6, 106, 46 and 107.

DEPARTURES FOR EUROPE.

Among the passengers who sailed for Liverpool yesterday in the Cunard steam-ship Gallia were Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan, the author and composer of "Pinafore" and "The Pirates of Penzance." Mr. D'Oyley Carte and several members of his opera troupe were present to wish them a prosperous voyage. It was the original intention of Gilbert and Sullivan to remain in this country until May, but they have decided to produce "The Pirates" at London during the Easter holidays. The Labrador, of the French Line, which sailed for Havre yesterday, had among its passengers Eugène Ozanne and Benton, who accompanied Count de Lesseps on his recent survey of the proposed route of the Panama Ship-canal. Lieut. L. Napoleon B. Wyse was also a passenger on the Labrador.

TWO FAMILIES FIGHTING.

A serious affray, in which a man and wife named Pendergrast were seriously injured by a woman named Kelly and her son, occurred at No. 44 Railroad-avenue, Jersey City, last night. The parties all live on the same floor, and Mrs. Pendergrast and Mrs. Kelly had quarreled. When Mr. Pendergrast went home last night, Mrs. Kelly's two sons—James, aged 15, and Patrick, aged 12—waylaid and attacked him on the stairs. James, who was armed with a hammer, struck Pendergrast on the head, partially knocking him down stairs. His wife, hearing the noise, ran to her husband's assistance, when she was attacked by Mrs. Kelly, who struck her on the head, causing a gash three inches long, which penetrated to the skull. Mrs. Kelly and Patrick were arrested. James Kelly escaped.

FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS

SECOND SESSION—March 3.

SENATE.

GEN. ARTHUR'S ACCOUNTS.

On motion of Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, the Senate took up and passed the bill for the relief of Chester A. Arthur, ex-Collector of the Port of New-York, relieving him from liability for discrepancies in the accounts of subordinates, &c., amounting to about $11,000.

DRAWBACKS ON AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

On motion of Mr. BAYARD, of Delaware, the Senate took up and passed the House bill to amend section 3,020 of the Revised Statutes. It amends the section so that it reads as follows:

Sec. 3,020. When fire-arms, scales, balances, shovels, spades, axes, hatchets, hammers, plows, cultivators, mowing-machines, and reapers, manufactured with stock or handles made of wood grown in the United States, are exported for the benefit of drawback under the preceding section, such articles shall be entitled to such drawback in all cases where the imported material exceeds one-half of the value of the material used; and when cans manufactured in whole or in part of imported material, filled with products grown or produced in the United States, are exported for the benefit of such drawback, the same shall in all cases be entitled to the drawback provided for in the preceding section, where the imported material used in the manufacture of such cans shall be equal to more than 70 per cent. of the value of all the material used in the manufacture thereof.

THE STAR ROUTE DEFICIT.

Mr. WALLACE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appropriations, reported, with amendments, the House bill to provide for a deficiency in the appropriations for the transportation of mails on star routes for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1880. Ordered to be printed and placed on the calendar.

THE FITZ JOHN PORTER CASE.

The morning hour having expired the Senate resumed consideration of the bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter.

Mr. LOGAN continued his remarks in opposition to the bill. He challenged the Senator from New-Jersey [Mr. Randolph] to produce proof of the charge made in his recent speech, that Gen. McDowell had, before the court-martial, reported to the War Department his knowledge of the force in front of Porter, though on the court-martial he swore that he did not know it.

Mr. RANDOLPH replied that he did state in his remarks that Gen. McDowell swore on Porter's trial that he had no knowledge of the force in front of him; that he did not know whether it was Longstreet's or Jackson's or either. He now restated that, and proceeded to read from McDowell's testimony before the court, including the following:

Question by Porter's counsel—When you left the second where you found him on the 29th, were you at that time advised that Longstreet's corps or any other corps of the Confederate Army was marching on to unite with the right of Jackson? A.—I did not know anything about Longstreet's corps or Jackson's corps. I have mentioned before that I received a report that Porter had that 17 regiments, a battery, and 500 cavalry were marching from Gainesville. To whom they belonged or where they were going was not a matter of which I was informed.

Q.—Have you a knowledge now of what was the actual force of the enemy under the command of Jackson, or of the joint force of Longstreet and Jackson, in your front? A.—I did not know that Jackson was there. I have been told he was there. I do not know what his force was.

Mr. Randolph read much more of the evidence, and claimed that it supported his assertion.

Mr. LOGAN said he could show the facts to be the opposite to what the Senator from New-Jersey had stated. He asked the latter if he had read the report in the office of the War Department, to which he had referred, by saying that it ought to be there, whether it was or not.

Mr. RANDOLPH said he had read a certified copy of it.

Mr. LOGAN asked why he had, in view of that fact, insinuated that it might or might not be there. He went on to say that he had both the report and evidence, and not a scintilla of testimony could be found to show their disagreement. He read from the report of Gen. Pope to the War Department containing Gen. McDowell's report to Pope, in which he states that he was informed by Buford that 17 regiments, 1 battery, and 500 cavalry were passing along the Centreville road. These were the exact numbers stated on the trial. The Senator from New-Jersey had attempted to make out that McDowell swore falsely, because he said he had no knowledge of the force coming through Thoroughfare Gap, some miles away, while the whole evidence shows that Longstreet's corps took the Centreville road. There was no discrepancy whatever. He called on the Senator from New-Jersey to produce a certified copy of any dispatch contradicting this assertion if he could. If this case was to go before the country on false and manufactured statements, *he wished to find it out. He had said* this much in justification of Gen. McDowell, an honorable and high-minded gentleman. He gave notice that if the Senator from New-Jersey should go into an argument on the evidence in this case he would endeavor to show that Porter did fail to carry out orders that he would have obeyed if coming from Gen. McClellan, or some such officer. He then resumed his argument of yesterday, citing decisions to prove that the court-martial had no power to change the court-martial. In the course of his remarks he said that Porter was ostensibly seeking the removal of a stain on his honor. But when he asks that he strike his hand behind him, and says "$60,000 will correct it better than merely a restoration of my honor." The only way, continued Mr. Logan, in which Porter could be relieved was by Executive pardon. He had been told, however, that the President had never been asked to pardon him. It was true, a pardon did not carry with it $60,000.

Mr. EDMUNDS—Does the Senator from Ohio Senator think, if I am convicted by court-martial, as I believe erroneously, that a pardon would place me where I would be placed if I could have a rehearing and show that I was originally innocent?

Mr. LOGAN—There is no rehearing in the bill. There is $60,000 in it. But no such kind of a rehearing could be had that would have authority to bring Mr. Porter before it and retry him!

Mr. KERNAN—Originally the President, if he had seen fit, could have annulled the sentence. Now, I would give him a power to review it on the report of a board of inquiry that finds the sentence was erroneous.

Mr. LOGAN—There is no power to grant a new trial, but if there was, could any power of this Government grant a new trial, after the President approved the sentence? Could anybody have authority to bring the man before it?

Mr. KERNAN—I believe there is power, on application of the accused, for Congress to authorize a tribunal to relieve the case.

Mr. LOGAN—Is there any power to retry this man? Mr. KERNAN—If the bill, as it is proposed to be amended, it authorizes the President to review this case, and by a retrial I mean a review of the sentence.

Mr. LOGAN—The Senator has mis-read the bill and amendment. The amendment does not provide for a review of the same indictment. Otherwise he shall have $60,000 and go back into the Army.

Mr. KERNAN—The bill, as amended, authorizes the President in his discretion, to do what he might have done before he approved it—annul the findings.

Mr. LOGAN sent the bill to the Clerk's desk, and had it read, and remarked that the Senator from New-York had better read bills before he discussed or voted on them. He reiterated his intimation that the pardon of the President was less sacred for than the $60,000 appropriated by the bill. He went on to argue that the legislative branch of the Government could not constitutionally interfere with the judicial department, by nullifying its judgments as proposed here. "You will hear from us," said he, in conclusion, "when you propose this wrong upon the people of the land, and in tones that will not be misunderstood."

At 3:30 P. M. Mr. Logan suspended his remarks. He will resume them to-morrow. The Senate then went into executive session, and when the doors were reopened, adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

STATE AND FEDERAL JURISDICTION.

The House resumed, in the morning hour, the consideration of the bill regulating the removal of causes from State to Federal courts.

Mr. TOWNSHEND, of Illinois, favored the bill so far as it related to the original jurisdiction of the Federal courts, and specially supported an amendment which he proposed to offer repealing section 640 and clauses 9, 10, and 11 of section 649 of the Revised Statutes.

Mr. ROBINSON, of Massachusetts, on behalf of the minority of the Judiciary Committee, offered the following amendments: Providing that the minimum sum involved in a cause, in order to bring it within the jurisdiction of the United States Circuit Courts, shall be $500, instead of $2,000, as provided in the bill. Granting the United States courts jurisdiction over causes between corporations and citizens, arising under the Patent or Copyright laws. Striking out of section 3 the clause prohibiting United States Circuit Courts from taking original cognizance of any suit of a civil nature between a corporation created under the laws of any State and a citizen of any State in which such corporation, at the time the cause of action accrued, may have been carrying on its business. Providing that in cases in which said courts are authorized by this act to take original cognizance between citizens of the same State. Providing that this act shall not affect the jurisdiction over, or disposal of, any suit removed from the courts of any State, or any such begun in any United States court before the passage thereof.

The previous question was then seconded on the bill and amendments.

THE LATE SENATOR HOUSTON.

Pending further action, the House suspended the consideration of public business and proceeded to the consideration of the Senate memorial resolutions relative to the late Senator Houston, of Alabama.

At 5 o'clock, as a mark of respect to the deceased Senator, the House adjourned.

NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The President sent the following nominations to the Senate this afternoon: Stephen Moffit, to be Collector of Customs, District of Champlain, New-York; Charles A. Galloway, Collector of Internal Revenue, Third District, Wisconsin; Lewis Graves, Postmaster, Long Island City, N. Y.; Thomas Coggeshall, Postmaster, New-Bedford, Mass.; Henry S. French, Postmaster, Northfield, Minn.

The Senate, in executive session, to-day confirmed the following nominations:

United States Marshals—James Kerns, for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; E. S. Kearney, for the District of Oregon.

Land Receiver—N. H. Granger, for the First District of Maryland; J. H. Graham, for the Second District of Maryland; William H. Moore, for the First District of Alabama; William Handy, for the second District of Mississippi.

Postmasters—Mrs. A. F. Pope, at Milton, Mass.; John Woody, Danbury, Conn.; H. P. Russell, Geneva, N. Y.; H. A. Bartholomew, Kittanning, Penn.; C. H. Carmany, Lebanon, Penn.; Miss N. Hunter, Millersburg, Ohio; N. K. Mackenzie, Wellsville, Ohio; M. D. Kirk, Sturgis, Mich.; W. G. Wilkinson, Donaldsonville, La.; Charles Miller, Morgan City, La.

Army Promotions—Lieut.-Col. Elwell S. Otis, to be Colonel Twentieth Regiment of Infantry; Major A. J. Dallas, to be Lieutenant-Colonel Twenty-second Infantry; Capt. J. S. Fletcher, Jr., to be Major Twenty-third Infantry; First Lieut. H. G. Ward, to be Captain Sixteenth Infantry, First Lieut. F. M. Gibson, to be Captain Seventh Cavalry; First Lieut. F. E. Pierce, to be Captain First Infantry.

Revenue Marine Service—Third Lieut. F. G. Wedworth, of Massachusetts, to be Second Lieutenant.

Charles G. Belknap, to be Indian Agent at Tule River Agency, California.

AGRICULTURAL POSSIBILITIES.

THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED BY SUPPLYING THE NEEDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Commissioner Le Due, of the Department of Agriculture, has forwarded to Representative Le Fevre, of the House Committee on Agriculture, a long communication, in response to the request of the committee for a statement of the wants of the department. The Commissioner says the wants of the department are many and urgent. First, a suitable building is imperatively needed, for the accommodation of the employes, for the storage and handling of seeds, and for the continuous exhibition of the agricultural products of this great nation. In order that the department may even approximate to the highest usefulness of which it is capable, its different divisions must be enlarged and others added. Second, the division of chemistry—important as being the foundation of all agricultural science, and the parent source of nearly all knowledge leading to agricultural advancement among civilized nations—is now confined to a room 20 feet square, with a basement of the same size, and a small closet. The work already laid out for this division will require the present force four years to accomplish, and the delay in performing some of this work and publishing the facts is a loss to the country. The Commissioner devotes considerable space to this subject, and instances the question of sugar and the tests which have been made by the department with the sorghum plant, leading to a wide-spread interest in the subject, which has resulted in preparations for planting tens of thousands more acres of sorghum this year than last. When it is considered that since 1849 this country has consumed above $1,800,000,000 worth of imported sugar and its allied products, or $100,000,000 more than the combined gold and silver products of the mines of California and the Western States and Territories during the same period, it will readily be seen what an immense gain would inevitably flow from the general introduction of sorghum and kindred plants. The other divisions of the department—statistics, entomology, botany, seeds, and microscopy—are mentioned in detail, the work performed in each division, and the possibilities of each for increased usefulness under more favorable conditions. On the subject of seeds the Commissioner says: "However opinion may have differed heretofore, it is now generally conceded that the distribution of seeds from this department is doing inculculable good. As the result of the distribution of wheat and oats, the increase for the past three years of wheat, as compared with the preceding three years, has been two bushels to the acre, aggregating 80,000,000 of bushels, or a gain to the country of about $80,000,000, and the increase in the production of oats has been as high as from 10 to 20 bushels per acre." The Commissioner urgently recommends the addition of divisions of forestry and meteorology and a veterinary division. Summing up the needs in a single phrase, the Commissioner says: "The department needs opportunity." Granting this, it can be made to reimburse to the country a hundred fold any appropriation made to it. In conclusion, the Commissioner says: "If Congress, animated with a sense of the full measure of good to every citizen, shall make an appropriation sufficient to accomplish these changes in all of their essential particulars, the future work of the department, under judicious guidance, will be such as no other institution ever accomplished, in any country or any age."

WHAT THE CANALS NEED.

STATE ENGINEER SEYMOUR'S REPORT—ACCUMULATIONS OF MUD, &c.

ALBANY, March 3.—*The following report was sent to the Assembly to-day:*

Hon. George H. Sharpe, Speaker of the Assembly:

Pursuant to the resolution of the Legislature made Jan. 22, 1880, the undersigned has caused a careful examination to be made into the condition of the canals of the State, and estimates of the cost of putting them in repair, and of such improvements as are necessary for their protection and for the convenience of those who use them. The detailed reports of the division engineers are hereto attached. They have been made after full and thorough scrutiny of the state and wants of the work under their charge. They have also consulted the Superintendents who have the care of the different divisions of the canals; and I believe that there is a concurrence of opinions with regard to the works which should be done, and the improvements that should be made, and the probable cost of the same.

It has been the aim of the canal authorities to open the canal in time to take the grain upon its arrival at Buffalo by the lakes. This leaves but a short time to make repairs, as little can be done until the frost is out of the ground. When the water is drawn off, the work of cleaning out the prism, repairing the foundations of locks and all other structures that are covered by the water when the canal is full, must be commenced and finished. The haste with which this work must be done is a great source of expense to the State. Many streams empty into the canals, carrying in time of freshets a large amount of mud and gravel. Every city and village along the line pours in more or less sewerage. Offal is thrown out from boats, and through every city and village ashes and other rubbish are thrown into the canal. This material which accumulates during the year, as a rule, must be within a few days removed in the Spring. Every year a portion of this deposit is taken out, but the time is so limited, and the difficulty of handling it is so great that there is not as much removed as comes in.

The consequence is that the canal has gradually been filling up. In order to allow boats to draw 6 feet of water, the levels of the canals have been raised, making it necessary to lift up the bridges to allow boats to pass under. The Erie survey of 1876 showed that the bottom of the canal had been worn away in the centre under the boats to more than 7 feet in depth; but at the sides deposits existed varying from 6 inches to 2 feet high, and extending over one-half of the bottom. The amount of this deposit was estimated to be about 900,000 cubic yards. This has increased since that time to about 1,000,000 cubic yards. Last Spring a great effort was made on all the divisions to dredge out the prism, but the time was so short (18 days) that not more than 100,000 yards were removed. Although but a small part of the whole deposit was removed, this work had a marked effect upon navigation, as the boatmen will testify. The whole of this material can be taken out by dredges, in the Summer, without interfering with navigation, in four years, at a cost of about 12 cents a cubic yard, which will give to the canal a uniform depth of 6 feet. Experience shows that it cannot be well removed by hand, except every year, or every two. Last Spring, $50,000 was spent on the Western Division for removing deposits. This sum would have purchased a dredge and paid the expenses of working it two years. I particularly call attention of the Legislature to the report of the Division Engineer of the Western Division in relation to the Chemung Canal. It is in worse condition than any canal now used by the State.

The most important subject to be considered by this Legislature, in relation to the Erie Canal, is the water supply. Although I speak of it in my annual report, I consider it of such importance as to demand notice here. Last season for nearly a month, the water on the Rome level was with difficulty kept at a depth of seven feet. If we have this year as little rain-fall as we had last, navigation may on the Erie Canal be suspended during the latter part of the season, when the greater portion of grain will be coming forward, and when boatmen expect to receive a profitable price for carrying. No greater calamity could happen to this State, and to the whole country. In the annual report of the Division Engineer of the Middle Division will be found several methods proposed that will avert such disaster. The reports of the several Division Engineers show that the sum of $150,795 will be necessary to put the canals now in use in good navigable condition. The amount that should be expended on the canals after navigation is opened, as recommended by the Division Engineers, amounts to $267,797 67.

HORATIO SEYMOUR, Jr.,
State Engineer and Surveyor.

BONDED OF $1,100 IN JERSEY CITY.

Antonio Maul was arrested in Jersey City, on Tuesday night, charged with being drunk and carrying concealed weapons. When brought before Judge Davis yesterday, he said he had come from Illinois with the intention of going to Germany. On leaving the cars he got drunk and knew nothing more till he found himself in a cell. He said that when he reached Jersey City he had $1,100, but that the pocket containing it had been cut out. Judge Davis fined him $10 for carrying the pistol, but intimated that he would probably remit the fine if he found Maul's story to be true.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Vice-Principals' Association sent a communication to the Board of Education yesterday criticising the action of the Board of Trustees of the Twenty-third Ward in making an appointment of a Principal for Grammar School No. 61, in place of John R. Moore, recently dismissed by the board. They claim that a Principal should have been selected from among the veteran Vice-Principals. The letter, with the nomination, was referred to the Committee on Teachers. The meninge of the Trustees was Theodore R. Barrisger, First Assistant Vice-Principal of Grammar School No. 57. The Trustees of the Seventeenth Ward were authorized to re-lease the premises Nos. 15 and 17 East Third-street, for Primary School No. 5. There was considerable opposition to this action, for the reason that Primary School No. 9, in the same district, was capable of accommodating the pupils of both schools. The Superintendent of School Buildings was authorized to expend repairs to the supplies all contracts for new buildings and alterations of buildings at salaries of $4 a day for actual service.

THE PARK DEPARTMENT.

A CHARGE OF INEFFICIENCY SUSTAINED AGAINST THE ENGINEER OF CONSTRUCTION.

The charge of inefficiency made by Mr. John Beattie, contractor of Madison-avenue bridge, against Mr. Eugene E. McLean, the Engineer of Construction, was considered yesterday by the Park Commissioners. The evidence clearly showed that Mr. McLean's estimates were erroneous, and that the construction of the bridge, in strict accordance with his methods, would be ill-advised, to say the least. Urged, apparently, by a delicate consideration for the feelings of Mr. McLean, the Commissioners, instead of removing him, unanimously voted to "abolish the office" of Engineer of Construction, a decision which amounts to the same thing, as far as Mr. McLean's official position is concerned. Mr. McLean was appointed last Fall, on the recommendation of President Wenman, to draft plans and specifications preparatory to the awarding of the contract for the construction of the foundation and piers of a bridge across the Harlem River. Commissioner Lane was the only member of the board who objected to the appointment. He found fault with Mr. McLean's treatment of a small bridge over the Bronx River, in the vicinity of Woodlawn Cemetery, which was reconstructed at additional cost to the City. Mr. Lane's objections to Mr. McLean's methods did not have the effect of preventing his appointment to the office of Engineer of the projected bridge at Madison-avenue. The contract was in due time awarded to Mr. John Beattie, whose bid, $55,444, was the lowest received. Before submitting his bid Mr. Beattie carefully examined Mr. McLean's specifications, and based his price upon the estimates made by that gentleman. Soon after entering upon the performance of his contract, Mr. Beattie satisfied himself that the Engineer of Construction did not understand the science of bridge-building to the fullest extent, and that if the bridge were constructed in strict accordance with his plans, it would cost the contractor more money than the original estimates led him to suppose, and would still be a poor structure. Mr. Beattie complained that the engineer's examination of the river's bottom, in order to find out the quantity of the dredging that would be necessary and the proper length of the piles to be driven, was not thorough—that he failed to make allowances for the soft, foreign character of the mud.

On Feb. 18 the contractor transmitted a communication to President Wenman, of which the following is the substance: "Mr. Beattie found, on beginning his work, that the course suggested by the engineer in the driving of piles was impracticable, and would result in injury, which they were driven under his direction ruined the piles. The estimate provided for the dredging of 4,200 yards of mud. Up to Feb. 1 the contractor had taken out 11,900 yards, and then the work was not half done. Ascertaining this fact, the engineer issued orders for the discontinuance of the dredging, and then, without the authority of the Park Commissioners to order a caisson, which, according to the estimate of the contractor, could not be done for less than $10,000. This caisson was not provided for in the original plans and estimates, and Mr. Beattie was unwilling to do the work, which resulted from a departure from the original plans. The estimates had, he asserted, already been exceeded by $5,000, owing to the blunder of the engineer touching the quantity of material to be dredged. Mr. McLean had made no provision for stopes, to which Mr. Beattie had directed his attention before he began the plans, and his manner of directing the work had put the latter to a great deal of unnecessary expense. In con

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The Signal Service Bureau report indicates for to-day, in this region, falling barometer, warmer southerly winds, cloudy weather, and occasional rain.

Half the Legislative session is over, and no bill has yet seen the light for the reduction of the expenses of Government in this City. There is a very ample margin for economy, and various simple methods of enforcing it. In their laudable anxiety to devise the best possible method of cleaning New-York streets, it is to be hoped that Mr. Varnum and his associates of the Assembly Committee on Cities will not neglect the equally important duty of ridding our courts and public offices of the sinecurism and extravagance which can be found there in such profusion.

The Senate Committee on Appropriations precede their amended bill providing for the star route deficiency with the declaration that the Post Office Department has disregarded the law which prohibits the expenditure of money or the making of contracts in excess of appropriations, but they have emasculated the restrictions of the House bill on the extravagance of existing contracts. As the current contract term runs to the close of the next financial year, and as the Post Office Department has failed to exhibit the slightest perception of the waste and jobbery which have thriven under the administration of Mr. Brady, it is extremely desirable that the effectual check upon a continuance of extravagant contracts inserted in the House bill should be restored. The discredit which the entire star service management casts upon the Post Office Department is certainly not lessened by the fact that it asked Congress to appropriate a sum nearly double that which the continuance of the service legitimately requires. Mr. Key's tacit acquiescence in the peculiar business methods of his subordinate suggests either an easy tolerance of gross irregularities or a hopeless inability to understand the business of his department. In either case, Mr. Key would seem to have abrogated his functions as Postmaster-General.

It appears that a clique of Republican politicians are determined to make one more effort to secure the confirmation of John F. Smyth as Superintendent of Insurance. The plan is to rescind the rule requiring the vote of a majority of all the Senators elected to secure confirmation, and leaving it in the power of a majority of a quorum, say nine votes, to approve the Governor's nominations. It is assumed that a sufficient number of the opponents of Smyth can be induced to absent themselves from an executive session to leave Smyth's friends in command of the situation, and it is, of course, assumed that the Governor is ready to send in Smyth's name to the Senate once more. Conceding the possibility of an abrogation of the majority rule, it does seem as if the idiotic blunders of "machine" management would stop short of any such outrage upon public sentiment as that which seems to be in contemplation. As for the Senators who are reckoned upon to contribute by their absence to the success of this precious plot, they might far better stay in their places and vote for Smyth's confirmation. A politician can afford to be anything rather than a mock, for the man who earns the contempt of those whom he serves, as well as of those whom he betrays, takes the most effectual method of destroying all his chances in public life.

Another two of the bills reported by the Special Railroad Committee were ordered to a third reading in the Assembly yesterday. The first two related to the regulation of the proxy system and to the watering of railroad stock by consolidation. The two adopted yesterday provide for more detailed and intelligible reports to the State Engineer, for due publicity being given to an intention to increase capital stock, and for the approval of the State Engineer and Surveyor or a State Commission being required for any such increase. The two most important bills of the series—one providing against freight discriminations, and the other for the creation of a Board of Railroad Commissioners—will come up for discussion next week. A preliminary conference in regard to the first of these was held in Albany between the members of the special committee and Western shippers and manufacturers last night. So far as the Assembly is concerned, there is evidently no desire to shirk a settlement of the railroad question this session. A similar display of energy and courage in regard to the questions of taxation and Municipal reform would be of incalculable benefit to the party and the public.

Commissioner Le Duc has furnished the House Committee of Agriculture with a list of his wants. It is a pretty long catalogue, but, strange to relate, he does not say a word about being made a Cabinet officer. It is well known that there can be no properly-conducted Department of Agriculture in this Republic until the chief of the department is admitted to the Cabinet as a member. Nevertheless, Commissioner Le Duc, with a self-denial that does him honor, refrains from including in his long list of "wanted" any allusion to this devouring passion of his official life. He says he wants more room, more divisions, departments, and subdivisions, more chemistry, more entomology, botany, microscopy, and seeds, more sorghum, opportunity, and room; especially more room. But he does not want a Cabinet position; or, at least, he does not say he does. If the House Committee on Agriculture can only secure Mr. Le Duc's solemn promise that he will never again ask to be Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, with a seat among "the President's constitutional advisers," he ought to have everything else which he demands.

OUR DO-NOTHING CONGRESS.

The only consolation which the country has for the persistent refusal of Congress to take action upon important questions of current interest is, that if any action were taken, it might be worse than none. If Congress plays the rôle of King Log, there may be some comfort in thinking that it might play that of King Stork. But this is a lame excuse. There has not been for many years a Congress to which more weighty subjects have been presented, and that, too, in a form offering so little embarrassment from party or other considerations. It might have been supposed that the extra session had given to both parties sufficient chance for purely political manœuvring, and that both might be ready now to take up matters involving the prosperity, credit, and peace of the country. So far as a disposition goes to avoid exciting political discussion, parties seem, indeed, to be agreed; but there is no corresponding willingness to deal with questions which might easily be treated in an unpartisan manner. We have already remarked upon the determination of the House Committee on Ways and Means to evade all action upon the tariff. We have now a similar demonstration in the House with reference to refunding, Mr. Wood having been refused the opportunity to bring forward the committee's bill on that subject. The attitude of the House with reference to the currency had already been defined as one of determined inactivity.

The country cannot fail to be struck with the character of the measures which have received from Congress the attention that has been refused to such matters as those just referred to. The House has, for instance, spent most of its time upon the revision of its rules, and the result has been that the one signal improvement proposed by the committee—the abolition of log-rolling in connection with the River and Harbor Appropriation bill—has been defeated, while the attempt of the Republicans and a minority of Democrats to cut off riders from appropriation bills has also failed. In the Senate a great deal of time has been consumed in discussing a proposition to make the Federal Government pay the several States for lands given to soldiers—a proposition without warrant in law or equity, and intended, apparently, only as a sop to the States immediately concerned—while nearly all matters of general interest have been ignored. It is scarcely an exaggeration to say that of the two thousand and odd pages of the *Congressional Record* which are devoted to the proceedings of the present session, a hundred would cover all that has been said, and much more than all that has been done, of essential national importance.

When Congress assembled, three months since, at least four matters of pressing importance demanded its consideration. The necessity of perfecting the resumption policy in order to secure to the country a permanently sound currency and to remove the danger of falling again upon irredeemable paper or upon paper redeemable in silver only, was presented by the President and the Secretary of the Treasury. At the same time, the obligation to provide for the refunding of the high-rate bonds maturing shortly was obvious. The situation of parties, as well as the commercial and financial situation, was such that both these subjects could have been taken up and acted upon with very slight difficulty. It is certain that both the House and the Senate would have divided upon them, not on party lines, but according to the individual predilections and convictions of members. Neither party needed to be afraid of the effect of a practical disposal of these questions, while the country was in a condition to support the consequences of any proper legislation, not only without disturbance, but with very great advantage. But up to the present time neither party has shown any effective desire to deal with any phase of the finances thoroughly. Each has seemed paralyzed by an unaccountable and gratuitous political timidity. The country is being allowed to drift into a new era of inflated credit directly promoted by the temporary effect of the currency legislation, which tends constantly to make the necessary action more difficult. When reaction in the exchanges, which has already made considerable progress, shall have gone a little further, we shall be told that it is not safe to put the currency on a solid basis, and we may, and probably will, find that it is impossible to carry out any plans whatever for refunding, even at 4 per cent.

The third question with which Congress ought to have dealt, was that of the amendment of the more obvious imperfections and errors of the tariff. As to this there was at the outset some ground for hope of reasonable action, which must now be abandoned. The fourth question was of a different character, but of no less pressing importance. It was the determination, in advance of the Presidential contest, of the method of settling such disputes as arose in connection with the last election, and which it was only too possible might again arise in connection with the next. On this point the Democrats have, almost without exception, shown a deliberate and apparently preconcerted intention to take no action whatever. They have evidently looked over the ground, and made up their minds that their partisan interests will be advanced by maintaining the condition of contradiction and uncertainty now prevailing in the laws as to the Electoral votes. There is no prospect that they will make any change, unless it be one which shall confirm and strengthen the enormous pretensions which they have put forward as to the power of the majority in Congress to overthrow the will of the States in a Presidential election. The Republicans, on the other hand, we regret to say, have shown no great degree either of energy or skill in forcing the majority to, at least, define their purpose in regard to this, one of the gravest matters now engaging the interest of the country. It has been heretofore objected to the sessions of Congress, preceding Presidential elections, that they have been too largely occupied with mere political discussion; the present one bids fair to be distinguished in history as one in which there was scarcely anything deserving the name of serious discussion as to politics or anything else, and of action even less.

THE VIRGINIA DEBT QUESTION.

For some time past there has been a reasonable hope that the mongrel party of repudiation in Virginia would not succeed in further disgracing the State. It is now no longer a matter of dispute that the precious plan which proposes "to restore the public credit" by repudiating the debts of the Commonwealth originated in the fertile brains of gentlemen who had long enjoyed the distinction of being prominent in the "white man's party," and who were recognized as belonging to that peculiar class of society known in the South as "the native and best." But alone and unaided, frowned upon as they were by the more honorable and conservative of their own party, they soon discovered that they could make no headway unless they could win to their support at least a portion of the negro voters and of the colored members of the Legislature.

Unfortunately, their success in this direction was only too great. The colored legislators, the best of whom had but scant views in regard to finance, were readily caught by the plausible stories of the Readjusters. They were told that a repudiation of the debt would result in untold benefit to them, that their taxes would be lowered, the public schools for their children greatly improved, and the obnoxious poll tax, which they have always regarded as one of their chief burdens, removed. Deceived by these representations, and by the statement frequently made that their co-operation with the white Readjusters would certainly result in the overthrow of the Virginia Democracy, the colored men gave cordial support to the demagogues who sought to gain popular favor by swindling the unfortunate men and women who held the State securities. By the efforts of the black men who were thus deluded, the Readjusters gained control of the Legislature, and for a time seemed powerful enough to carry out any programme of repudiation, no matter how outrageous, which might be proposed.

Recently, however, there was one indication that the more sensible colored men, quick to understand that they had been deceived, had resolved, as far as possible, to retrace their steps, and on Saturday last, in spite of the most determined efforts on the part of the Readjusters, every white Republican in the Assembly and all the colored members except three voted to postpone the consideration of the infamous measure known as "the Debt bill," and succeeded in carrying it over. From this action it was argued, with some plausibility, that the agents of Secretary Sherman had been using their peculiar influences with the colored men, and that they had so far succeeded that the complete overthrow of the Readjusters' combination was only a matter of time. There were many reasons for the belief that the Secretary was instrumental in bringing about the change described, chief among them being the fact that he, boasting as he does of having been instrumental in securing resumption, and anxious as he is to obtain in his Presidential canvass the support of the Virginia delegates, cannot afford even the appearance of being on friendly terms with men who deliberately propose to repudiate the just debts of a State. For this reason, if for no other, it was held that he had exerted himself to take the colored men out of the Repudiators' alliance.

If the Secretary really did make the attempt, he has failed. The time between Saturday and Monday was used to the best advantage by the leading Readjusters, and on the latter day, much to the surprise of those who, from their success on Saturday, had predicted the complete triumph of the Debt-payers, the repudiation bill was passed by the aid of the colored members. By the provisions of the measure in question, the principal of the debt is reduced to $20,000,000, and the interest to 3 per cent. Further than this, it is provided that the bonds shall be taxed, that the interest coupons shall not be receivable for State taxes, and worst of all, that the sinking fund established under the Constitution for the ultimate payment and extinguishment of the debt shall be abolished. In other words, the bill repudiates nearly one-half of the just and legally-contracted debt of Virginia, and makes no provision for the payment of that portion of it which remains. The only hope of the bondholders is that the Governor will veto the bill. That he will be brave enough to do so, thereby incurring the lasting hostility of the Readjusters, there is, it is feared, some reason to doubt. Meanwhile, Gen. Mahone, who was recently elected to the United States Senate by the votes of the repudiators, seems to be more completely in command of the political situation in Virginia than before. At the same time he is being abused by the Democrats with increased bitterness, and, in retaliation, it is not improbable that he may learn to mend his ways, and when he takes his seat in Washington act with the Republicans, thereby, under certain contingencies, giving them control of the Senate.

DR. GARCELON'S GRIEF.

The result of the late municipal elections in Maine shows that the people of that State are sunk in the mire of tyranny. This figure may be a mixed one; but as it is taken from a Democratic newspaper, it is applicable to the occasion. It is well-known that the late Governor of the State, Dr. Alonzo Garcelon, so justly famed for his crusade against gum-chewing, was actuated by the highest and noblest impulses when he counted out a majority of Republicans who had been elected to the Legislature, and counted in a majority of Democrats and Greenbackers who had not been elected. Devoted to the Constitution of our fathers, and with his weather-eye serenely fixed upon the office of Superintendent of the State Insane Asylum, Dr. Garcelon proceeded to doctor the election returns "according to the Constitution and the laws." There was some opposition to this statesmanlike course. There were people who affirmed that the failure to dot an *i* or cross a *t* should not be used to defeat the will of the voters as expressed at the ballot-box. As if the technicalities of law were not of more account than the political opinions and wishes of the people of a State. When suspicious and mischief-making men, who were afraid that Dr. Garcelon would throw out election returns to elect his political friends, waited on him to ask him what he was about to do, he smote his manly chest, and said that he would do right though the heavens should fall. He would strictly obey the Constitution and the laws. Chafing under the undeserved censure of Republican newspapers, which charged him with conspiracy, theft, and forgery, the excellent Garcelon wrote letters to the New-York journals, defying his defamers to show where he had deviated one iota from the law and the Constitution. According to his view of the case, the people of Maine stood by him, and, but for a few disappointed office-seekers, his course would not be called in question by any man. His final decision, which gave a Legislative majority to a Democratic and Greenback minority, he declared was the proudest act of his life. Whereupon, some of the Democratic newspapers dubbed him "Old Hickory," and nominated him for the Presidency.

The Supreme Court, without the least respect for Garcelon's opinions, brushed away his reasons for giving the seats of Republican members to Democratic non-members, and actually declared that his honest and patriotic course was not much better than treason. His highest and holiest motives being thus brutally assailed, Dr. Garcelon could only appeal to the people. The Supreme Court had declared that it would not recognize his ingeniously-constructed Legislature, and would recognize the Legislature which the people, in their blindness, had elected. So, with a solemn confidence in the sacredness of technicalities, Dr. Garcelon appealed to the people. Speaking to the citizens of Auburn, on the eve of the late election, the Doctor and ex-Governor said: "If you believe that I have done right—have fearlessly performed my duty by following the law and the Constitution—vote the Democratic ticket." Furthermore, the ex-Governor said: "If you do not believe this, vote the Republican ticket; vote for a revolutionary Government; vote for an aristocracy; vote to make yourselves slaves." With singular unanimity the people voted that they did not believe that Garcelon and his late associates fearlessly performed their duty, by strictly following the law and the Constitution. The citizens of Auburn elected a Republican Mayor by a majority of 449, against a majority of 11 one year ago. And Lewiston, the home of this stainless patriot, responded by giving a Republican majority of 194, against 47, which they gave for the Republican State ticket last September. With a blind disregard for the ex-Governor's feelings which no Democrat can understand, the State at large rolled up tremendous Republican majorities, voting, according to Dr. Garcelon, for a revolutionary Government, an aristocracy, and slavery. Blindly rushing into the arms of despotism, Portland elected a Republican Mayor by a majority of over 1,200, against a Democratic majority of 40 one year ago. The homes of Garcelon's Counsellors went for revolutionary Government and slavery with a rush. And in Bath, a city disfranchised by the ex-Governor's devotion to the proper crossing of a *t* and the legitimate dotting of an *i*, there was no Democratic candidate for Mayor in the field.

The papers left behind them by the Garcelon camp seem to justify the verdict of the voters of Maine. For example, Gov. Garcelon informed the Republicans who waited upon him, Nov. 17, 1879, that no examination of the returns, and no changes therein, would be permitted. But it has been since discovered that changes in the interest of the Democrats were made in the returns, and letters from Democratic election officers, suggesting those changes, and dated prior to Nov. 17, 1879, are found among the late Governor's papers. And it is also discovered that "a fatal defect" in one election return, by which a Republican was counted out, was made in the return after it had reached the Governor's hands. The capital letter H in the candidate's name was ingeniously turned into an A; and, to show that this happy thought was an afterthought, this alteration appears in the tabulated returns, as well as in the documents originally received from the election officers. Undoubtedly, Gov. Garcelon, in his frenzied anxiety to perform his duty fearlessly, by strictly following the laws and the Constitution, accidentally and in a moment of forgetfulness, changed that letter, and created one of those "fatal defects" which subsequently caused him so much grief. In his letter to the New-York *Sun*, Gov. Garcelon invited the people of the United States to show where he had not exactly followed the Constitution and the law. It was not known at that time that there was any law in Maine authorizing the Governor to alter election returns to suit himself. Of course, there must be such a law, or the excellent Garcelon would not have done this. And now the people of Maine have actually said that they do not like it. The ex-Governor asked for a verdict on his course, and he has got it.

THE NEW PROJECTILE.

While Italy and Germany have succeeded in constructing cannon larger than any yet constructed in England, the latter country is giving renewed attention to the subject of projectiles. The English Government has tested by careful experiment a hundred different kinds of projectiles, including solid and hollow, spherical and conical, iron and steel shot. None of them have been found perfectly satisfactory, and of late a large number of experiments have been made in the use of girls as projectiles for large guns. These experiments have naturally excited a good deal of attention, but as they are still in progress, it is evident that the English Government has not yet come to any final decision as to the merit of the new projectile.

It has, however, been abundantly proved that the impact of a heavy girl, even when fired with a moderate charge of powder, is very destructive. A girl of fifteen inches in diameter, and weighing one hundred and thirty pounds, was recently fired at a stout netting, and pierced it as easily as a rifle-bullet would pierce a heavy ulster. Another girl, of sixteen inches diameter and one hundred and forty pounds weight, accidentally struck a large English grocer who unwarily came within range of the gun from which she was fired, and smashed his ribs to an extent that scarcely admits of repairs. Of course, the "energy"—to use the technical term—of a girl of given weight, moving at a given velocity, is precisely the same as that of an iron ball of the same weight, and moving at the same velocity. The effect of the impact of the one may, however, be very different from that of the other. It is for this reason that the material and shape of projectiles demand the most careful consideration.

Of course, the English Government has sufficient reason for experimenting with girls, but it seems hardly probable that iron and steel will be supplanted by any variety of girl. The chief difficulty with projectiles made of metal is that they are brittle and are apt to break up when striking a target of twenty or thirty inches of iron. Probably, it is hoped by the English Ordnance Department that girls, being softer than iron or steel, will prove less brittle. We may concede that it has been proved that a girl, when fired against a netting or a grocer, will not fly to pieces, but, after all, of what real value is this test? In times of war, vessels are not plated with grocers or nettings, neither are land fortifications protected in that way. What is wanted is a projectile that will either smash in pieces thirty inches of iron, or an equivalent thickness of book-agents or lightning-rod men, provided the contemplated use of the latter material for plating men-of-war ever becomes general. Will a girl do this? Certainly, so far, the English experiments give us no reason to suppose that she will. The girl is said by scientific experts to be remarkably elastic. This quality may prevent her from being shivered when striking an iron target, but may it not cause her to rebound and inflict serious injury upon the gunners.

It is evident that the English Government feels a lack of confidence in the efficiency of British girls. All the experiments which have been mentioned in the English newspapers appear to have been made with French or Italian girls. Now, these girls are notoriously less heavy and compact than the British girl, and are in these respects inferior as projectiles. There must, then, be some powerful reason for the preference given to them by the Ordnance Department. Possibly they are cheaper, but in all probability they are firmer and harder than British girls, and hence are expected to prove more destructive.

It is admitted that as yet girls have been fired exclusively from smooth-bores, since no method has been invented of fitting them to the grooves of rifled guns. The English Government ought to import some of our angular Boston girls before deciding that girls cannot be fired from rifled guns. There is a strong probability that the projections of the typical Boston girl could be readily fitted to take the rifling of any pattern of gun, thereby greatly increasing its range and accuracy.

Whether other nations will regard the use of girls by the British artillerists as contrary to the laws of nations is a grave question. In former days chain-shot was not permitted to be used except in sea fights, on the ground that it inflicted an unnecessary amount of suffering. But a girl, when fired into a compact body of men, would do far greater execution than any chain-shot. Her limbs would mow down scores of men, and hundreds would be wounded by flying hair-pins and buttons. It may be urged that as girls cannot be made explosive, they would really do less injury than is inflicted by the fragments of an Armstrong shell, but we can feel very confident that unless all other nations were to adopt the girl projectile, there would be a general outcry against its use by a British army.

That girls thus used would greatly demoralize an enemy in the open field cannot be doubted. We can imagine what a panic would have seized the Confederate Army if the Federal guns had begun to fire New-England school-mistresses. Men who might have been perfectly willing to face the dreadful hail of iron bolts would have fled in abject terror after a few rounds of eight-inch girls of the kind in question. Whether the same result would attend the use of Italian and French girls is not so certain, but it is certainly improbable that Fort Sumter would have long held out if the monitors had thrown fifteen-inch Roman girls, or Favisian girls of less diameter but greater length, into the fort.

Without waiting for the final result of the experiments now in progress, we may assume that girls will prove very destructive when used against unprotected bodies of men, but that they will be useless when fired at heavily-plated iron-clads. Of their effect when used against earthworks, we have no data sufficient to justify our opinion. There is undoubtedly a vast supply of girls, and the advocates of the equality of the sexes will be quite willing that girls should take their part in war in the shape of projectiles. The English experiments will be watched with great interest here and in Europe, and they may yet lead to very important modifications in gunnery.

The revolver-shot aimed on Wednesday afternoon at the Czar's new military Dictator, Gen. Loris Melikoff, in the Grand Meshtsk (a short but broad and well-frequented street running from the Isak Cathedral to the Nevski Prospect,) shows that the Nihilists consider the duties of their tacit practice to include not merely the Czar himself, but likewise any one who may happen to represent him for the time being. As usual, the attempt was a failure. The General "was not hurt, and the culprit (a young man) was instantly seized by a Cossack." To suppose him a student, and to lynch the whole university in a body, would be quite a natural sequel on the part of the St. Petersburg populace, although it may be hoped that its threats will this time remain unfulfilled. The whole affair recalls the remark of the would-be assassin of Sir Robert Peel, who, when asked his motive for the deed, answered, with an injured air, "Well, I don't see why I mayn't have my shot at him as well as everybody else."

There was lately read before the New-York Academy of Medicine a paper by Dr. Henri Mac-Teal, of France, describing the plan of the night medical service in operation in Paris and other European cities, and suggesting the establishment of a similar organization in New-York. The object of the service is to afford to the public, especially that part which does not have a regular family physician, prompt and capable medical attendance in cases of accidents and sudden sickness that often occur during the night. Public attention was called to this subject some years ago, in Paris, by the serious and sometimes fatal consequences that frequently resulted from the delay in getting a physician to the required place. In 1860 the French Senate authorized one of its members to investigate the subject. In that year also Dr. Fassart, General Secretary of the Medical Society of the Department of Charities, submitted to the Director of Public Assistance a project of night medical service. In consequence of the war which soon after broke out, the matter was dropped. In 1875 Dr. Fassart's plan was adopted, with the co-operation of M. Lucy Ernault, the Prefect of Police. The main features of the system are simple. In each Police station is a list of the names and addresses of those physicians who have agreed to respond promptly to calls made during the night. Any person in need of a doctor goes to the station and has the liberty of selecting from the list of physicians the one preferred. A police officer will accompany the applicant to the doctor's residence, and will go with the doctor to and from the patient's house. Provision of this kind is made partly in view of the fact that doctors, not infrequently, have been called out at night only to be robbed. Having made his visit, the physician receives from his police attendant a check for 10 francs on the cashier of the *Préfecture de Police*. The Police Administration collects from the patient the amount paid to the doctor, unless the patient is unable to pay, in which case the fee is borne by the Administration. The service is in operation in each of the 80 precincts of Paris from 10 P. M. to 7 A. M. in Winter, and from 11 P. M. to 6 A. M. in Summer. Nearly 700 physicians take part in the work. The night medical service was established in Berlin in 1872, and in St. Petersburg in 1874. It is also in operation in Moscow, Odessa, Warsaw, Rome, Milan, Turin, Lisbon, and Algiers. It is expected that it will soon be adopted in Lyons, Marseilles, Lille, and other cities of France. The New-York Academy of Medicine has appointed a committee consisting of Drs. Fordyce Barker, J. W. S. Gouley, E. G. Janeway, and E. M. Brouson to investigate the system as it now exists in Europe, and to report as to its practicability in New-York.

Most Americans who have run for office, whether the office be large or small, know that it is an expensive entertainment. But they are apt to think that doing the same thing in England is comparatively cheap, though it is not. Meetings must be held, agents employed, bills printed, placards posted, voters taken to the polls, there, as here, and for all those political needs candidates are obliged, of course, to pay handsomely. The adoption of the ballot in that country has increased the number of polling places, polling clerks, and the like, and likewise the outlay of the candidate. Sharp rivalry raises the cost of such items far beyond what they would be if provided for from a common fund. Occasionally expenses are partially defrayed by party organizations, though they generally form too serious a charge for any except rich men to bear. Those of a candidate contesting a county usually amount to several thousands of pounds, and the laws against bribery and corruption are almost always audaciously violated and with absolute impunity. At a late election in North Durham, four candidates spent $140,000; in South-east Lancashire four candidates spent $70,000; in South Durham three candidates spent $65,000; and others in like proportion. The average cost of a candidate in a county for a contested election is $10,000, and even the return of a member of Parliament, without opposition, will cost some hundreds of pounds. The elections of the counties of England alone, excluding Wales, cost candidates in 1874 near $2,000,000. In addition to ordinary disbursements, the representative of a small borough must make heavy annual contributions in aid of local charities and vanities. Consequently, but a very small proportion of the community can afford the luxury of attempting to gain political honors. The representation of counties in England is confined almost entirely to the landed interest. Politics, the world over, are, in more ways than one, very expensive.

A recently-published sketch of Francis Parkman, the youngest of the group of American historians whose fame is world-wide, gives some interesting information about a writer who has hitherto been known almost solely through his books. He was still at Harvard, and only 19 years old, when he formed the plan of writing the histories which he has since published, the inciting causes being his interest in the character of the North American Indians and his love for the free, wild, natural life of the primeval regions which were the scene of the sets he set himself to describe. Numerous canoe voyages and camping expeditions, made during and just after his college course, thoroughly familiarized him with Canada and the Northwest, and enabled him to see a life very similar to that lived by La Salle and his contemporaries. He embodied those experiences in his first volume, "The California and Oregon Trail," but they were put to a much more important use in adding the charms of vitality, local coloring, and graphic description so noticeable in the author's later writings. The next step in the task of preparation was the study of an appalling mass of original records in the Government archives of France, England, Canada, and several States of the United States, besides contemporary publications, newspapers, &c., in an almost endless list. Such of them as promised to be most useful were copied to the extent of dozens of volumes and thousands of pages. His method of composition is to have one of these volumes read and re-read until he is familiar with it, and a complete digest is made. This is more stone-cutter's work, but it gives him the facts in a substantial, if unattractive, form, and with this material the architect builds the fabric of his narrative, writing by dictation. His first historical work would naturally have been the last of the series; it was called the "Conspiracy of Pontiac and the War of the North American Tribes against the English Colonies, after the Conquest of Canada," and was published in two volumes in 1851, when the writer was 27 years old. In 1865 he began the admirable series, "France and England in North America," and at short intervals succeeded the volumes, "The Pioneers of France in the New World," (comprising "The Huguenots in Florida," and "Samuel De Champlain,") "The Jesuits in North America in the Seventeenth Century," "The Discovery of the Great West," "The Old Régime in Canada under Louis XIV," and "Count Frontenac and New France under Louis XIV." Mr. Parkman is now engaged on "Montcalm and the Fall of New France," leaving an interval of fifty years to be filled out later. Such an amount of literary work would be considerable for a writer in good health, but Mr. Parkman has suffered many interruptions from illness, and has, moreover, been at times, practically blind. In this respect he has been an even greater sufferer than Prescott, who was able to use his eyes 15 minutes at a time—a privilege which Mr. Parkman would deem very great. Occasionally, however, he writes a little, using what he calls a "literary goldmine" to keep his lines straight and relieve him of the necessity of even looking at the paper. He is said to appear to be under 50 years of age, although he is 56; his countenance is active and alert, and his figure is straight, slender, and energetic.

Prof. Fawcett, the blind member of Parliament, recently addressed a gathering of several hundred blind people in a rebuke, cheery manner, which is as different as possible from the well-meant but pointless and rather maudlin sympathy usually bestowed upon the sightless. He himself is no good an example of how little the loss of his eyes need affect a courageous man who refuses to sink under the calamity, that his personal references were both pardonable and interesting. His solid achievements as an author and orator are well known, but, considering the nature of his misfortune, it is most astonishing to learn that, in the company of a friend, he not only takes long walks, but easily fifty or sixty miles at a stretch, can ride at a good round gallop, often even going hunting. He rows, too, and, though he can no longer shoot, he often lands a salmon with nearly all his old dexterity. This will be very bracing and suggestive reading to a large class of unfortunates, and to the much larger class of friends of the Blind and Elphinstone type, who, like Mr. Fawcett's advisers, are seldom able to suggest any other resource for those stricken with blindness than that they should "lead a life of contemplation." That is not a thing to be rhetorically gibbed of, and is a fate shared by the blind and deaf alike. Both are in the world, but not of it, and both depend upon their friends for their understanding of what is going on about them. But here the blind have one advantage, at least, for those who help them must be conscious of appearing in a graceful and generous light, while he who helps the deaf must be more than human if his enthusiasm is not checked and his services lessened by the thought that his shouting is making him both contemptuous and ridiculous. Mr. Fawcett had also something to say as to the form which charities for the blind should take. The young, he thinks, may properly be gathered and taught in institutions, for they learn readily, and may be helped to earn their own livings. But the adult blind, and especially those who become blind in adult life, are trained with difficulty, and never acquire that marvelous delicacy of touch which is one of the compensations for loss of sight. Consequently, to wall them up in institutions is to deprive them of the pleasures of home life, which they appreciate even more than the seeing, and to increase their misfortune by causing them to brood over it in company with others similarly afflicted. For this class he recommends a system of pensions. It may be stated that nearly half of the 20,000 blind in the United States are over 45 years old. Another thing recommended by Mr. Fawcett is unanimity as to the best form of printing for the blind. At present, of eight or nine systems, each has its advocates, and the result is a needless waste in printing the same book in several ways. With the same unity and a single system, it is evident that the books within the reach of the blind might be increased many times.

GENERAL NOTES.

The total cost of the Hayden trial was about $27,000.

The Nevada Republican State Convention is to be held in Austin on Tuesday, May 11.

The Legislature of Mississippi has imposed a tax of $3 upon bachelors over 25 years of age.

The Oregon Republican State Convention is to be held in Portland, on Wednesday, April 21.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* says that it is expected 20,000 Knights Templar will meet in that city on the 17th, 18th, and 19th of August next, upon the occasion of the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment.

After reviewing the field, the New-Orleans *Picayune* reaffirms its belief that it would be unwise for the Democrats to nominate Tilden against Grant, as it would cause three, if not four, Southern States to become debatable and doubtful.

The St. Johnsbury (Vt.) *Caledonian* says that a 4-year-old child of Mr. John Chubb, of that place, has been seriously affected by poison inserted in a tooth by a dentist to kill a nerve. An operation for the removal of part of the child's jaw has been decided upon.

The New-Orleans *Picayune* expresses the opinion that the negroes of the South consume in value per head yearly twice as much sugar-cured ham, lobster, sardines, tobacco, and whisky as the miners, factory operatives, and poor needle-women of the large cities of the North.

The Boston *Advertiser* declares that there is no basis in any fact, promise, or prospect for a widely-published statement that Mr. J. Montgomery Sears, of that city, has given a large sum—variously stated at from $100,000 to $150,000—for a new gymnasium, or a gymnasium and dormitory, at Yale College.

The Hon. William H. English, of Indiana, informs the Indianapolis *Sentinel* that he is not aspiring to either place on the Democratic Presidential ticket, and that certainly he will not allow his name to go before the National Convention in antagonism to either Mr. Hendricks or Mr. Tilden, for both of whom he has the highest regard.

The Galveston (Texas) *News* says that 404 persons have been tried for murder or rape in that State during the past 12 months, and that only 14 were convicted and sentenced to death, and of the 14, 4 have had their sentences commuted by the Governor. A new law empowers the jury in clear cases of murder in the first degree to assess the punishment at death or the Penitentiary, and it is believed, according to the *News*, that the juries are in all cases assessing the punishment at the milder penalty.

The Unitarian Society at Newport, R. I., has voted to hold the commemoration services of William Ellery Channing's centennial birthday in April. The Channing Conference has accepted an invitation to be present. The Rev. Dr. Bellows, of this City, will deliver the sermon on the evening of the 6th of April, and on the morning of the 7th commemorative services will be held in the church, with addresses by many eminent divines. The corner-stone of the new building will be laid at 2 P. M. Four-fifths of the entire sum has been subscribed. A letter from England says that they have resolved to raise $5,000 toward the fund.

Of the social life of the Southern negroes, the New-Orleans *Picayune* says: "There is not a more social race under the heavens than negroes. They have a great deal more social enjoyment than the white people do. They naturally elaborate social enjoyments out of all kinds of gatherings—even funerals, baptisms, and religious meetings, as well as balls, picnics, railroad excursions, parties, politics, &c. They do not desire to mingle socially with white people. They are as partial to their own color as crows and blackbirds are. They don't even want white preachers to preach to them—even a Radical preacher, only in exceptional cases."

In a card to the newspapers, Prof. Benjamin Peirce, of Harvard College, says: "I am fully persuaded that the comet recently discovered by our eminent American astronomer [Dr. Gould] is a return of the wonderful comet of 1843, which has been considered as in many respects 'the most intense celestial object of any on record' (Chopper's Cometic Orbits.) The first record of this comet is in 1770 before Christ, with an average period of about seven years. The subsequent visible and recorded returns are 370 before Christ, 252 and 189 before Christ, and after Christ 836, 492, 583, 668, 706, 720, 828, 1077, 1106, 1208, 1313, 1362, 1382, 1468, 1454, 1491, 1511, 1528, 1668, 1682, 1702, 1843, and 1880. Further details will be reserved for subsequent communications."

Speaking of the general results of the Maine municipal elections on Monday, the Portland *Press* says: "The Fusionists, after the last decision of the court overthrowing their illegal Legislature, expressed a desire to appeal to the people. Yesterday they had an opportunity. The verdict is not of the kind they were making. Crushing defeat has met their fate on every hand. The people have spoken, and so loud and distinctly that even the Fusion leaders, stupid as they are, cannot fail to understand how their attempt to

AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN LANDS

WAR AND FESTIVITY AT THE RUSSIAN CAPITAL.

AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE GEN. MELIKOFF—THE CEREMONIES ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE CZAR'S ACCESSION.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 9.—Gen. Melikoff, Chief of the new Supreme Executive Commission, was fired at by a young man with a revolver, this afternoon, when alighting from a carriage at his residence, in Grand Moskatelnaya-st. Gen. Melikoff was not hurt, the bullet passing through the back folds of his cloak. The culprit was seized by a Cossack, but not until he had been prevented from firing a second shot by a blow from Gen. Melikoff. The shot was fired when the would-be assassin was close to his intended victim. The Duke of Edinburgh, all the high officers, and many others have congratulated Gen. Melikoff on his escape.

Reports from the interior describe the festivities and rejoicing as general. These are going on a grand scale at Moscow, Charkoff, Woronez, Riga, Tiflis, and other large towns. There were no disturbances.

LONDON, March 3.—A dispatch from St. Petersburg, dated on the evening of the 24 inst., says: "After the morning's serenade the Czar held a reception, at which the officers of the imperial suite and of the higher grades of the Army were present. At 11:30 A. M. the members of the Council and the civil functionaries were received. At noon there was a solemn procession to the Palace Church, the Czar escorting the Czarevna. After the Te Deum had been sung the Czar received the diplomatic body in the Throne Room. This was followed by a brilliant assembly, at which 4,000 guests were present. At 3 o'clock P. M. a cantata, composed by Prince Peter of Oldenburg, was sung by 600 school children, the performance concluding with the national anthem and the hymn "Long Life to the Czar." An immense crowd filled the streets throughout the day, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather. In the evening all the imperial family, except the Czar, attended the theatre, where the national hymn was sung repeatedly in answer to enthusiastic applause. The national opera, entitled "The Life for the Czar," by the Russian composer, Michel Glinka, was played. All passed off well. The city was brilliantly illuminated and the streets were densely thronged. There was no disturbance anywhere during the day or evening. The Duchess of Edinburgh officiated for the Czarina at the Assembly. The Duke of Edinburgh was present at all the ceremonies, wearing the uniform of the Duchess's Regiment of Lancers.

The publication of the Emperor William's letter of congratulation to the Czar, with the counter-signature of Prince Bismarck, has created a very favorable impression in all the European capitals, and the important Bourse shows a revival of confidence.

PARIS, March 3.—A superior functionary of the Russian Ministry of Justice has arrived here and delivered to Prince Orloff supplementary documents incriminating Hartmann in the Moscow explosion. The Cabinet are divided on the question of surrendering Hartmann. The *Mot d'Ordre* announces that a petition to the Chambers against the extradition of Hartmann is being prepared.

LONDON, March 3.—St. Petersburg dispatches report that the would-be murderer of Gen. Melikoff is said to be a student, and feigns lunacy.

The Vienna dispatch says three Russian detectives passed through that city, for Geneva, for the purpose of watching Russian exiles.

Another St. Petersburg dispatch says the man who shot at Gen. Melikoff is a semi-idiotic person, who was probably a tool in the hands of the Nihilists. He seemed to be half drunk when arrested.

IRISH RELIEF WORK.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE THUS FAR—THE MOST SERIOUS DISTRESS YET TO BE MET.

DUBLIN, March 3.—At a meeting of the Mansion House Relief Committee to-day, Lord Mayor Gray presiding, it was announced that the total subscriptions to the fund to date were £87,683. The following subscriptions have been received since the last meeting: From St. John, Newfoundland, £1,000; from the New-York Committee, £500; from the Calcutta Committee, $1,000; from Cincinnati, Ohio, £106; from Lynchburg, Va., £120; from Hastings, Ontario, £102; from Cleveland, Ohio, £61; from Newmarket, Ontario, £26. A letter received from Dean Lyster, of Kingston, Ontario, was read, informing the committee that a pastoral letter had been issued by the Episcopal Bishop of Ontario in aid of the fund. Mr. Dillon read a report from a sub-committee, giving the result of the working of the organization up to the 1st of March, as follows: Total subscriptions from Australia and New-Zealand, £55,579; from the United States, $5,658; from Canada, £2,348; from India, £3,750. Grants amounting to £45,040 have been made to 658 local committees. From Feb. 17 to Feb. 28, these committees have increased by 106. Much larger contributions will be needed to meet the distress during the next five months. The report was then adopted, and a further urgent appeal was made. It was stated that it was reported that 20 out of the 32 counties of Ireland had received aid from this country. The committee were unanimous in the expression that the most serious distress is yet to be met, principally during the months of May, June, and July. Sub-committees are now established for the reception and distribution of donations of seeds of all suitable descriptions, blankets, clothing, or any kind of food.

LONDON, March 3.—The Committee of the Duchess of Marlborough's Relief Fund has received £3,000 from Mr. J. R. Keene.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

A LONDON WATER SCHEME—MR. GRISSELL SENT TO NEWGATE.

LONDON, March 3.—The Metropolis Water Bill, introduced in the House of Commons by the Home Secretary, and read a first time, creates a water trust empowered to create a 3½ per cent. water stock, which the water companies have agreed to receive as compensation for their net capital. The sum to be given for the franchises of the companies is £22,000,000, but there will be £6,000,000 or £7,000,000 more to be spread over 12 years for the unearned increment on the value of the existing shares. The water trust will consist of 21 members, including the Lord Mayor of London and the President of the Metropolitan Board of Works. The object of the trust is defined to be to supply wholesome water for domestic use, for watering the streets, and extinguishing fires, with a constant supply at high pressure. The trust is to go into operation in October.

Mr. Grissell, in accordance with the notice signed by yesterday, was brought to the bar of the House of Commons at noon to-day, when he read a most humble apology. Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, amid cheers, moved his committal to Newgate, and the motion was adopted without debate or division. Mr. Grissell will be imprisoned during the pleasure of the House of Commons.

CURRENT FOREIGN TOPICS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 3.—The British Consul at Salonica has telegraphed to Sir Austen Layard that he has received a letter from Col. Synge saying the Colonel and his wife are well treated. The chief of the brigands has disappeared, and negotiations for their release are consequently interrupted.

Col. Commaroff, who, while in company with the Chief Dragoman of the Russian Embassy recently, was fired upon and wounded by two persons, has died of his wounds.

MADRID, March 3.—A decree has been published fixing the force of the Army for the year 1880-81 at 90,000 men for Spain, 38,000 for Cuba, 16,000 for the Philippine Islands, and 3,395 for Porto Rico.

PARIS, March 3.—Private advices from Berlin state that the Emperor William, while at dinner with Count de St. Vallier, expressed the most friendly sentiments toward the Ambassador of the French Government, and said there was no ground for anxiety as to the continuance of good relations between the two countries.

LONDON, March 3.—A new Anti-Slave Trade Convention has been concluded between Great Britain and Germany, whereby co-operation between the war vessels of the two powers, in the suppression of the slave traffic, is secured.

At the inquiry into the Tay Bridge disaster, before the Board of Trade, at Dundee, on Monday and Tuesday, interesting evidence was introduced on behalf of the North British Railway Company. Serious charges of negligence were preferred in the construction of the bridge notified to the thoroughness of the work, but the evidence, on the whole, is not very satisfactory.

At Ashton-under-Lyne, 10,000 cotton weavers have struck work in consequence of the refusal of their employers to grant an advance of 5 per cent. in their wages, which advance the weavers recently obtained.

The Paris *Globe* asserts that France has entered into negotiations with England and the United States with a view of terminating the war between Chili and Peru.

LONDON, March 4.—A Madrid dispatch says Mr. Lowell, the American Minister to England, has left Madrid for London.

A Berlin dispatch announces that the electoral district of Glauchau and Meerane, in Saxony, has returned Herr Auer, a well-known Socialist, to the Reichstag. The Socialists polled more votes than on previous occasions.

A Paris dispatch says Prince Hohenlohe will return to Berlin next week, after the arrival of Herr Von Radwitz in Paris as Chargé d'Affaires. Prince Reuss having declined the Ambassadorship, Count von Hatzfeldt, the German Ambassador to Turkey, who is now in Berlin, has been directed to start for Constantinople to hold himself ready for letters of recall, and for appointment to the Paris Embassy as soon as Prince Hohenlohe permanently accepts his new post.

NEGRO TRAMPS ABOUT WASHINGTON.

INDIGNATION AGAINST A CLASS OF MISCREANTS WHO PERPETRATE ALL SORTS OF CRIMES.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Two negroes were arrested in this city yesterday for plundering farmers in the adjacent parts of Maryland. They were armed with a crowbar, a jimmy, a shot-gun, a revolver, a knife, and a hatchet. They are representatives of a large class of colored people here who live by burglary and begging, and who cannot be induced to go into the country and work, even for good wages. It is by men of this class, unfortunately very numerous in Washington, that the horrible assaults upon young women are made, which have induced the residents to look with favor upon the lynch law, which dispossess of many colored criminals in Virginia and Maryland. The people are still greatly excited against the perpetrators of the last outrage of this kind, and only the power of the Police and the strength of the jail have saved his life. As evidence of the character of this feeling at the nation's capital, the following in relation to the arrested burglars from the leading editorial in the *Star* of to-day, a conservative paper, may be quoted: "In the interests of society, it is almost to be regretted that these two miscreants were not taken while committing their offence, and with the unmistakable evidences of their murderous purpose upon them, somewhere within the territory of Maryland. In that event, if not hanged upon the first convenient tree, they would have been sure of a long term in the Penitentiary, instead of having the chance they now have of being turned loose again in a little while to rob and murder at will. Burglary as well as rape clearly ought to be made a capital offense, and thieves armed and equipped as these wretches were should be regarded and treated as murderers.

THE NEW-JERSEY LEGISLATURE.

TRENTON, March 3.—In the Senate this afternoon, Mr. Martin introduced a bill which makes important changes in the method of executing capital sentences in the State. Heretofore hangings have taken place at the county seats, and have been conducted by the Sheriffs. Martin's bill provides that immediately after conviction and judgment, the criminal shall be taken to the State Prison, and there the hanging shall take place, under the supervision of an officer to be selected by the State. Senator Rabe also introduced an important bill. Under the existing laws the members of the State Sinking Fund Commission hold office for life. Mr. Rabe's bill provides that they shall hold office four years, and be nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate.

A ripple of excitement was occasioned in the House to-day by the progress of the liquor bills. The first of these was Mr. Kreuger's act, reporting, without qualification, the Sunday Liquor law. The second was Mr. Patterson's bill, exempting the Sunday liquor-sellers from the operation of the disorderly act. The bills were reported without recommendation, and passed without protest to their third reading. When Mr. Kreuger's bill prohibiting the employment of more than 50 convicts at any one industry in the State Prison was called up, Mr. McDermott, of Hudson, offered an amendment prohibiting the use also of improved machinery by the convicts. The amendment was adopted, and the bill ordered to a third reading.

The Senate to-night passed the bill fixing the salaries of the Prosecutors of the Pleas of the several counties. The Republican members held a caucus on the nomination of ex-Gov. Joel Parker as Judge of the Supreme Court, but were unable to decide anything. The House passed the bill extending the time for the completion of canals already begun to 10 years.

A RAILROAD TRUST ENDED.

In 1878 the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company defaulted in interest on its bonds to the amount of $4,183,295, and the prospects were that a still further default would be made. In order to prevent foreclosure, an agreement was entered into on Nov. 27 of that year whereby the stockholders deposited all their shares in the hands of Robert Lenox Kennedy, Samuel G. Ward, Thomas Allen, Nelson N. Beckwith, and Charles H. Marshall, Trustees nominated by the bondholders, giving up to the latter full control of the railroad. On the other hand, the holders of the senior classes of bonds deposited with the Union Trust Company all their funded interest certificates and unpaid coupons, receiving in exchange first preferred income bonds, bearing cumulative interest at the rate of 7 per cent. per annum, and the holders of the consolidated bonds did the same with their bonds, receiving in exchange second preferred income bonds, bearing cumulative interest at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum. The agreement was to last until the period subsequent to March 1, 1880, when the company's net income would be sufficient, after payment of all expenses and fixed charges, to pay in full the stipulated interest on both classes of income bonds. That being now the case, the holders of the income bonds have petitioned to have the stock trust terminated, which will place the road once more in full possession of the stockholders.

TOWN ASSESSORS IN TROUBLE.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., March 1.—One of the most important cases which have been brought before the Sullivan County courts for adjudication was tried here last week. It was the case of the people against the Assessors of the town of Forresburg. The Assessors are Alfred Gilman, Andrew Campbell, and Bernard Cuniff, all of whom were recently indicted upon several charges. The case occupied some time, and the jury, after a brief deliberation, rendered a verdict of guilty. The defendants were brought before the court and fined $100 each, after which they were ousted from office. Among the charges brought against them was that they changed the assessment after the time for completing the roll, and that favoritism had been shown to certain persons at the expense of other tax-payers of the town.

CANADIAN PETROLEUM INTERESTS.

OTTAWA, Ontario, March 3.—A deputation from Toronto, Guelph, and Montreal, within a few days, will visit Sir L. Tilley, for the purpose of asking that the duty on crude oil be reduced to one-half its present amount. It is understood to be the intention of the Government to increase the fire test of Canadian oil from 105° to 115°, which will make the Canadian article merchantable. American oil when imported has to stand a fire test of 130°. At present there is a difference of 25° in the fire-test requirements against the American oil, but this difference will be decreased to 10° when the fire test on Canadian oil is increased as contemplated.

BOYD'S CHALLENGE TO THE WORLD.

LONDON, March 4.—The *Sportsman* says Boyd, the oarsman, has recently shown wonderful improvement in form, in consequence of which, and of the signal of Christopher Barnes, his chief supporter, he has issued a general challenge, declaring that he will row any man in the world over a straight three-mile course on the Tees for three months from the signing of articles, for $500 a side, and will allow $25 expenses to his competitor.

AN OLD MAN HANGS HIMSELF.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., March 3.—John Frenzell, an old man, hanged himself in his stable at Mount Vernon this morning. He tried to cut his throat last night, but was prevented by his wife. He was discovered this noon shortly after he hanged himself, but was prevented from cutting him down by a woman who insisted that the Coroner's arrival must be awaited.

RECEPTION TO DE LESSEPS

MERCHANTS ENTERTAINING THE FRENCH ENGINEER.

THE SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE WELL REPRESENTED—THE GUEST DEFENDS HIS INTEROCEANIC CANAL PROJECT.

The reception tendered to M. De Lesseps by the American merchants engaged in the Central and South American trade, last evening, was a fitting termination to the hospitalities which have been showered on the great projector during his stay in New-York. As early as 8:30 o'clock the company began to arrive, and by 9 o'clock a goodly number had assembled in Delmonico's parlors to welcome the distinguished guest. The roll of guests as prepared by the Committee of Arrangements numbered fully 600, and preparations for their entertainment had been made on a commensurate scale, but the wet weather prevented more than half the number being present. Among those present were Peter Cooper, Russell Sage, Prof. Elie Charlier, Prof. Doremus, Louis De Rebian, D. O. Mills, José F. Navarro, Judge Donohue, Chief-Justice Daly, Trenor W. Park, William E. Dodge, Jr., P. B. Thurber, the Chilian Commissioner, Señor Nunez de Ortes, Señor Julio Cerrie, Chargé d'Affaires of the Argentine Republic; Señor Roberto de Narvaez, Chargé d'Affaires of the Chilian Republic; Consul Botassi, of Greece; José M. Vega, Theodore De J. De Satrie, Philip Maillard, Manager of the Credit Lyonnais; Ramon Paez, T. M. Thorrick, Albert Therrion, H. Ortuna, Andres Escheverria, El Conde De Zizaba, J. C. Rodarigues, John Riley, J. M. Hurtado, S. H. Hoadley, D. De Castro, J. M. Munoz, Edward Parra, Mr. Punderford, A. Levandeyra, Capt. Pell, Charles F. Crump, the Philadelphia ship-builder, ex-Congressman Benjamin A. Willis, Nelson M. Beckwith, O. Chanute, Isaac Bell, C. H. Arnow, Sidney Dillon, Col. Henry Steers, of Green Point; Isidore Wormser, Henry Berah, T. S. Musgrave, Francis Spies, G. P. Huntington, the Rev. Arthur Brooks, Arthur Leary, William E. Guion, and others to the number of 200. M. De Lesseps arrived at 9:30 o'clock, was ushered into the drawing-room by Mr. John Riley, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, and presented to Peter Cooper, Mr. J. Mills, Judge Daly, and other guests. Henry Bergh had an interesting chat with the great projector, during which the latter expressed his particular admiration of the work in which Mr. Bergh is engaged. At 10:30 the doors of the grand salon were thrown open and the guests invited to partake of the collation. The latter was a particularly elaborate affair, and in the opinion of many surpassed the dinner tendered on Monday last. Oysters in all styles, salmon, chicken, turkey, pate de fois gras, salads of all kinds, ice-cream, fruits, ices, confectionery, &c., all of the finest quality, had in quantity sufficient for three times the number of guests, were piled upon damask-covered tables extending up and down the sides of the room. The edibles were washed down with libbery potations of champagne, punch, and other liquids.

After the repast had been done ample justice to, the guests gathered in the body of the hall, and Mr. J. M. Usacio, on behalf of the company, proposed the health of the guest of the evening, whom he said the whole world honored as a man, a citizen, and a projector of great works (Applause). M. De Lesseps who appeared in full plain evening dress with a luxuriant tea rose in the lapel of his coat, stepped forward amid loud cheering and replied as follows:

Gentlemen and merchants of New-York, whose houses are engaged in trade with the Central and South American States, I thank you for the welcome that you have tendered me, and the receptions of which I have been made the frequent guest. At the recent meeting of the Society of Civil Engineers of the American Geographical Society, and at the grand banquet lately tendered me by the élite of the citizens of New-York, I have had occasion to explain my views concerning the survey and construction of an interoceanic canal at a sea-level. I have, and without doubt between Aspinwall and Panama. The speeches which were made in response to my explanations have given me the impression that the opposition originally evinced by a portion of the American press has been considerably modified. (Cheers.) On the other hand, notwithstanding the welcome which has been so generously tendered me, and for which I shall always be grateful, I must acknowledge that this opposition has by no means completely disappeared. Although it has shown itself from the commencement, in a [somewhat different form, yet it appears to me that the principal cause of the opposition is a sudden fear of international complications, which, it is thought, may arise to diminish the just influence of the Great Northern Republic upon the Southern and Central American Republics. These fears are entirely chimerical, and as a practical man I only consider them for the purpose of exposing their falsity. I have presented myself before the American people to endeavor to convince them:

First—That the Panama Canal is to be constructed as a private enterprise outside of all Governmental interference, and that the canal once constructed, far from being detrimental to the interests of the United States, will, on the contrary, enhance the importance of the country, and develop to an incalculable extent its commerce, its navigation, and its intelligent industry. I believe I have sufficiently answered during my stay in New-York the objections which have been raised, but there is one that has just been propounded, and which, instead of one move before my departure. [Applause.] I was asked yesterday why I have not established the head-quarters of the Interoceanic Canal in New-York, instead of Paris, as I have announced. In my circular sent out with the report of the International Commission of Engineers who had charge of the preliminary work, Article 19 of the concession authorizes the grantees to fix the seat of the company in the City of New-York, as well as in London, or Paris. As long as I shall continue to be President and Director of the Company, I shall not be able to direct the administration except at my place of residence, and in the country in which I expect the majority of shareholders to be found. If at a later date, the contrary fraction this majority is found in the United States, then the general assembly of shareholders, which is sovereign, shall have the right to fix the company's seat, wherever they find it convenient, in accordance with the terms of the concession. In any event, the by-laws of the company shall be drawn so as to give full satisfaction to the shareholders of all countries, who shall equally enjoy the right of casting their vote either personally or by proxy.

M. De Lesseps responded with a witty reference to the beauty of the Normal School girls, whom he had visited in the morning, and consoled the ultra-patriotic of his hearers by the reflection that the wives of American shareholders would reconcile their husbands the idea of going to Paris to vote on their stock.

Previous to the reception at Delmonico's M. and Mme. De Lesseps were entertained at dinner last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Beckwith, at their own residence, No. 154 Fifth-avenue. Among the distinguished persons invited to meet them were Hon. and Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Mr. and Mrs. William Astor, the Hon. and Mrs. Edwards Pierrepont, the Hon. and Mrs. John Jay, Mr. and Mrs. Kornegay, Col. and Mrs. Fremont, James Kent, and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Parsons, Mr. Royal Phelps, Mr. Nathan Appleton, Mr. Ward McAllister, and others.

THE INTEROCEANIC CANAL.

ENGINEERS DISCUSSING THE PROJECT IN ITS VARIOUS PHASES.

At a meeting of the American Society of Civil Engineers, at No. 104 East Twentieth-street, last evening, the subject of interoceanic canals was again discussed. Mr. Octave Chanute, Vice President of the society, and Chief Engineer of the Erie Railway, presided. Mr. Justen Dirks, the famous European canal engineer, who has just completed a survey of the Isthmus of Panama, and who is with the De Lesseps party now in this City, was present. Mr. Ashbel Welch read a brief paper, in which he stated that he had recently asked M. De Lesseps the question, "Why go to the enormous expense of making a sea-level canal across the Isthmus when a canal with two or three locks on each side of the summit could be made so much more cheaply?" Two objections had been mentioned to the locks by M. De Lesseps. One was the cost of maintaining and operating them. The other was the detention of the vessels. De Lesseps remarked that locks might do very well for ships of small size, but not for such as would navigate this canal. Mr. Welch believes that locks will answer the purpose, and that they will reduce the estimated cost at least one-third. In his paper he stated that the highest points between the Chagres River and the Pacific coast was 278 feet. For a distance of seven miles the average depth was 180 feet. The amount of excavation he estimated at 28,386,666 cubic yards. The cost, according to M. De Lesseps, of building the canal would be $112,456,556. By the use of three locks Mr. Welch thought the cost could be reduced to $67,555,555. Mr. Welch, who was once Chief Engineer of the Delaware and Raritan Canal, and who has been identified with many other important works, stated that in his opinion the three locks required, with a lift of 20 feet each, were perfectly practicable, and could be maintained without much expense. He was also of the opinion that the time for the construction of the canal might also be reduced from seven years to five years. He estimated that at least $120,000,000 might be saved in the item of interest alone, on account of the saving of time in the construction by the use of locks.

Mr. Dirks made some observations in regard to the cost of the canal. He stated in general terms that the recent examination of engineers at Panama, of which he was a member, had adhered to the estimate of prices arranged by the Paris congress. They had made careful estimates of the work, and had come to the conclusion that the sums there mentioned were enough to cover all contingencies of absolute construction. The cost of tools and machinery, salaries of officers and engineers, and a number of similar items had been left out of the estimate. He further said, in answer to the suggestions of locks made by Mr. Welch, that that subject had been considered in all its aspects. He agreed with Mr. Welch that the cost would be much less, and a commission of engineers had been appointed on the subject by M. De Lesseps shortly after the Paris congress. It was considered the fact that the Paris would detain the ships, and in view of the difficulty in making them long enough, wide enough, and deep enough to accommodate the ever-increasing size of vessels, he had concluded to abandon all idea of locks, and therefore his mind had been made up unalterably against them. A number of questions were propounded to Mr. Dirks, proposed by Mr. A. G. Menocal, the engineer of the proposed Nicaragua route, relating exclusively to the control of the waters of the Chagres River. Mr. Dirks stated that from an engineering stand-point the route was practicable, and that on his return to Europe he would send the detailed information now in the field-books of the engineers and in memoranda to the society for its fullest information.

M. A. Cauvreux, Jr., an engineer accompanying the De Lesseps party, said that M. De Lesseps had been urged to assume the Presidency of this canal company by his friends soon after the adjournment of the Paris congress. He had acquired the franchise from Mr. Wyse, and had obtained a contract from the Colombian Government. He then opened his subscription-books. A great number of objections were at that time raised by the American newspapers, which somewhat alarmed the public, and prevented them from subscribing. Then the Paris bankers, instead of acting as the agents for the sale of his stock, wanted to buy the stock at par, and sell it at 20 to 30 per cent. above par. This plan of proceeding De Lesseps opposed, whereupon the scheme was postponed. M. De Lesseps had therefore consulted with Mr. Dirks, and other European engineers of celebrity, and they had resolved to form a commission to visit Darien, which was accomplished. They had gone over the ground thoroughly and collected all the information to be desired, and they would shortly be able to put the stock upon the market in Europe and America. He stated that this was purely an international enterprise, and that there was no desire or expectation of interfering with vested rights. One of the chief objects of the present commission was to ascertain whether the canal could be built inside of the estimates made by the Paris congress. They had become thoroughly satisfied that it could be built for less. He gave a minute description of operations on the isthmus, most of which had heretofore been published.

FINE ART BOOKS AT AUCTION.

OPENING OF THE SALE AT CLINTON HALL—GOOD PRICES AND FINE BOOKS.

The sale which commenced at the Clinton Hall Sales-room last evening of an unusually fine collection of fine art and illustrated books, illuminated manuscripts, drawings, &c., promises to be a gratifying success in a pecuniary point of view. The prices realized on the 225 lots sold last evening (about one-third of the total number to be sold) were very gratifying, and showed that when a thoroughly good thing is put upon the market it is appreciated. The collection was made by an American gentleman during a residence in Europe, and comprised a large number of works upon the fine arts, including some of the best publications in the English, German, Dutch, Spanish, and Italian languages. The works of Ruskin, of Ottley, Waller, Grimm, Hugler, and others, all the great engravers and etchers, and the great galleries of Europe were all represented, and the books had not only been selected with rare taste and skill, but they were in excellent condition. Indeed, it is rare that a collection so thoroughly good in every respect is placed on sale in this City. Though the night was stormy, the attendance was good, and the bidding generally was spirited. Most of the buying was done by agents, but there was a good deal of buying by private persons and a Boston gentleman distinguished himself in the variety and extent of his purchases. Perhaps the greatest bargain of the evening was the superb "Florence Gallery," Paris edition in four volumes. It was put up at $35 per volume, and at once the bidding went on so rapidly that in a minute the price was run up to $62 a volume. The auctioneer waited for another bid, but the price stuck at that figure, and the volumes were knocked down. This sale caused quite a sensation. The purchaser got his property for $248, while for similar editions $500, and as high as $600, have been given quite recently. The "Gallery of the Old German Masters," a work originally published at 100 guineas, was knocked down, after a sharp contest between two bidders, for $32 50. Fisher's Sedfordshire collections, a finely-executed work, went for $10; a price so low that the auctioneer remarked when he knocked it down, "somebody's lost something." The "Livre d'Heures," an exquisite little gem in book-making, such as only Paris turns out—a book which one could carry conveniently in one's coat pocket—was put up at $70, and was steadily bid up to $142; here the bidding paused, then started again between two bidders, and it was finally bought in by an agent for $152. The "Livre de Prieres," another little book in two volumes in the same style, but less choice than the former, went at $62. An edition of Ruskin, in five volumes, the best edition, and now rare, went steadily up to $30 per volume, at which price it was sold. Stirling's "Annals of the Artists of Spain," three volumes, was bid up from $20 to $38 a volume. The five-volume edition of Walpole's "Anecdotes of Painting in England" was bid up from $5 to $17 a volume. There was some spirited bidding on the Bewicks in the collection, two buyers having apparently determined to secure them. As before said, the prices generally averaged good, the few works which sold below their value being fully offset by those which fetched higher prices than these which, in the judgment of competent buyers, they were worth in the ordinary market. The following is a list of some of the principal sales:

Ruskin's "Modern Painters," 5 volumes	$150 00
"The Napoleon Gallery," 10 volumes	137 50
Dr. Waagen's "Treasures of Art in Great Britain," 4 volumes	80 00
Smith's "French, Dutch, and Flemish Painters," 9 volumes	57 50
Stirling's "Spanish Artists"	114 00
Walpole's "Anecdotes of Painting," 5 volumes	85 00
"Imitations of Drawings by Old Masters," 7 portfolios	311 50
Fidanza's "Michael Angelo, Rafael," &c., 5 volumes	53 75
Mrs. Jameson's "Beauties of the Court of Charles II.," 2 volumes	41 00
Gori's "Florentine Gallery," 11 volumes	90 75
Platolett's "Vatican," 3 volumes	14 00
"Galleries of the Palais Royal," 3 volumes	122 00
Drummond's "Noble Families," 2 volumes	30 00
Villa-Amil's "Spanish Antiquities," 2 volumes	99 00
Hall's "Royal Gallery of Art," 2 volumes	54 00
Hall's "Baronial Halls of England," 2 volumes	36 00
Lodge's "Illustrious Personages," 2 volumes	68 00
Rother-Attenaek's "Middle Age Costumes," 3 volumes	42 75
"The Painted Glass of Bourges," 1 volume	76 00
Owen Jones's "Alhambra," 2 volumes	102 00
"The Madrid Gallery," 2 volumes	430 00
"Musée Napoleon," 1 volume	150 00
"The Frescoes of Rafael," 1 volume	60 00
Gruner's "Fresco Decorations," 1 volume	52 50
"Engravings from Sir Thomas Lawrence," 1 volume	80 00
"The Amateur's Collection of Engravings," 1 volume	105 00
Ottley's "Italian School of Design," 1 volume	102 00
Strutt's "Dresses and Habits," 2 volumes	105 00
Roberts's "Holy Land," 3 volumes	195 00
Du Sommerard's "Arts of the Middle Ages," 8 volumes	400 00
"Imitation of Christ," 2 volumes	175 00
"The Gospels for the Sundays and Feast-Days," 1 volume	160 00
Shaw's "Decorations of the Middle Ages," 1 volume	52 00

SHAME LEADING TO SUICIDE.

A GIRL, DESERTED BY HER BETRAYER, TAKES POISON IN A COURT-ROOM.

POTTSVILLE, Penn., March 3.—The attempted suicide of a young woman in the midst of a crowded court-room, this morning, caused a great excitement. During the trial of a petty criminal case a handsome modest-looking girl stepped up to the bar and asked an officer to call Thomas Nolan, a prisoner, saying, "I have taken poison and want to see him before I die and make him acknowledge his child." The officer, seeing from her agitated manner and flushed face that something was wrong, at once sent for a doctor, and had the girl taken into a waiting-room, and subsequently to a more comfortable room in the County Prison. It was found that she was Alice P. Hoffman, 19 years of age, a resident of Mahonoy City, where she had been on terms of intimacy with Thomas Nolan, a young man of the same place. The girl was refined, intelligent, and bore an excellent character until it was discovered that she had been ruined, it is alleged, by Nolan. A complaint of seduction under promise of marriage was brought against Nolan by the girl's brother, and the girl had been in attendance at court for several days awaiting the trial. It was remarked by frequently that she became despondent, and procuring an ounce of laudanum, swallowed it as she came into court.

She asked for an interview with Nolan, and it was granted, but though she begged him piteously to acknowledge that he was the father of her child, he refused to do so, and denied all her assertions. For a long time it was feared that she would die, but prompt attention saved her life, and to-night she is considered out of danger. Shame is supposed to have been the immediate cause of her act. It was her first experience in a criminal court, and she had told a friend that she could never go through the ordeal of the immodest questions she heard asked the witnesses in other cases.

THE CHISOLM MASSACRE.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The trial of Virgil Gully for the murder of ex-State Senator John P. Gilmer, one of the victims of the Chisolm massacre, will begin at De Kalb, Miss., on Monday next. District Attorney Ford will conduct the prosecution, assisted by Judge Ware, United States District Attorney for the Southern District of Mississippi. Mrs Gilmer, the widow of the murdered man, will leave Washington to-morrow to attend the trial as a witness.

SEARCH MANUFACTURERS IN COUNCIL.

CINCINNATI, March 3.—In response to a call, 18 of the 22 leading starch-manufacturing firms in the United States met in convention at the Grand Hotel to-day. A permanent organization was effected. George Fox, of this city, was elected President, and J. Y. Ward, of Buffalo, Secretary. The subject of advancing the price of starch was discussed and agreed upon. The percentage of the advance will be decided upon to-morrow.

RECORD OF AMUSEMENTS

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

ITALIAN OPERA AT THE ACADEMY.

"Linda" was the opera last night at the Academy of Music, and despite the unfavorable weather, it attracted a very large audience. The performance was spirited and excellent in every respect. Mlle. Valleria, who has before this moved herself one of Mr. Maplesonn's most valuable artists, was cordially received, and in the course of the evening was applauded at every opportunity. Her voice was never in better condition, and the impression she made was, from first to last, of the most agreeable character. She is in every way suited for the role of Linda, and acts the part with the grace and charm of youth, while she delivers the music in a highly finished and artistic style. Indeed, it is not too much to say that no prima donna who has appeared in this opera of late years compares with Mlle. Valleria. The purity of her tones and their telling quality in connected music, which were so noticeable last season, were as marked features of her singing last night. In the cavatina, "O luce di quest anima," which so many concert-singers are fond of murdering, she was so bright and sparkling as to invest it with fresh interest, and in Signor Arditi's valse, which is substituted for the final scene of the last act, her execution was faultless, and her delivery of the air all that could be desired. Miss Cary's Pierotto was as effective as usual. The duo, "Al bel destin che attendevi," between Linda and Pierotto in the second act was a remarkably fine exhibition of vocalization in the Italian school by both ladies. Signor Runcio was a somewhat mild Carlo, but, on the whole, acquitted himself creditably and sang tastefully. Owing to some of the changes and "cuts" made by Signor Arditi, he was not called on to over-exert himself, and in his scenes with Linda and his aria in the second act, "Se tanto in ira agli nemici," he appeared to advantage. In the latter number, which is no easy task, he was particularly good. Signor Galassi came in for a full share of the honors of the evening, if, indeed, he was not preeminent in this respect. His Antonio has been frequently mentioned as one of his best personations and as a most powerful dramatic effort, and his performance last night fully justified this opinion. After the grand scene at the close of the second act, where he curses Linda, he was recalled several times. The chorus and orchestra were alike excellent, and the minor parts were intrusted to competent artists. The opera for Friday evening will be "La Favorita," which Signor Arditi, it is understood, has been preparing carefully. Miss Cary will sing the role of Leonora, and Signor Campanini will make his first appearance in New-York as Fernando.

THE PHILHARMONIC CLUB CONCERT.

The fifth soirée of chamber music on Tuesday night at Chickering Hall by the Philharmonic Club was one of the best that has been given in this series. The programme consisted of Haydn's string quartet, in B flat, No. 4, op. 76; two adaptations from Schubert and Schumann for two violins, viola, flute, 'cello, and contra-bass; Hummel's "Septetto Militaire," for piano, violin, 'cello, bass, flute, clarionet, and cornet, and three songs for soprano, which were rendered by Miss Fannie Hirsch. The vocal part of the programme was the least interesting portion. Miss Hirsch has naturally a good voice, but her timidity and her evident inexperience on the concert stage until her at present to take part in an entertainment of the character of the Philharmonic Club's concerts. Her rendering of the Schubert song was crude. In the two selections from Rubinstein she did fairly, and sang like a promising amateur. The audience was in a kindly mood, and recalled her twice. The interest of the concert was, of course, mainly in the instrumental portion of it, and Hummel's "Septetto Militaire" was the chief work. The piano part was performed by Mrs. William G. Morgan, who has been occasionally heard in concerts, and is well known as an accomplished pianist. The septet is a bright and effective concert piece, and, as it was rendered last night, was an acceptable number of the programme. The allegro con brio was played with spirit by all the artists, and more than any movement showed the beauty of the combination of instruments. The adagio was quietly and smoothly performed, and the minuetto and finale were bright and sparkling. Mrs. Morgan's abilities as a pianist were particularly illustrated in the last movement, in which her touch was light and graceful and her execution faultless. The Haydn quartet for strings, which was the first number of the programme, was not so smooth at the beginning as might have been expected. The adagio and minuetto were, however, beautifully done, and the quality of the tone and musicality with which it was rendered, were quite up to the standard of the Philharmonic Club. In the "Evening Song" of Schumann and "Momens Musicales" of Schubert, the perfection of the club's drill was well illustrated and was evidently fully appreciated by the audience. As to the individual professional excellence of the members of the Philharmonic Club there is no question. Mr. Richard Arnold is universally recognized as a first violinist of great experience and ability, whose position among his fellow-artists is fully assured. So, too, Mr. Werner, the violoncellist, holds the first rank, and the other members, Messrs. Gantzberg, Gramm, and Weiner are all deservedly in high repute. The sixth and final concert of the series is announced for April 6.

GENERAL MENTION.

Mr. Booth's great entertainment in aid of the Irish relief fund will take place at the Academy of Music this evening.

Mr. Grau announces the opening of the box-office of the Fifth-Avenue Theatre, to-day, for the sale of seats for his season of French opera, which begins on Monday next.

Lotta will begin an engagement at the Park Theatre under Mr. Abbey's management on Easter Monday, and about the same time Mr. Booth will reappear under the same management at Booth's Theatre.

Mr. George Vandenhoff will positively appear in Chickering Hall this afternoon, as he has fortunately recovered his health. He will read two scenes from Shakespeare's "King John," selections from Thackeray, Mackay, Mrs. Norton, and "Anonymous," and Miss Bess Terry Cooke's bright New-England story, "Miss Lucinda."

Mr. Maplesonn intends to produce "La Forza del Destino," as re-written by Verdi, in the course of a few days. The costumes and appointments are to be new, and scenery has

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

SALES AT THE STOCK EXCHANGE—MARCH 3.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—10:30 A. M.

U. S. 5s C., $1. ... 103¾ | U. S. 4s C., $1. ... 109⅛ | U. S. 5s R., $1. ... 103¾
$10,000 ... 103¾ | $5,000 ... 109⅛ | $50,000 ... 103¾
U. S. 4½ R., '91. ... 108 | U. S. 4s C., '91. ... 109⅛ | U. S. 4s R., '91. ... 109⅛
$10,000 ... 108 | $10,000 ... 109⅛ | $50,000 ... 109⅛

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—12:30 P. M.

U. S. 5s C., '81. ... 103¾ | U. S. 4s C., '91. ... 109⅛ | U. S. 4s C., 1907. ... 109⅛
$10,000 ... 103¾ | $10,000 ... 109⅛ | $50,000 ... 109⅛
U. S. 4½ R., '91. ... 108 | U. S. 4s R., 1907. ... 109⅛ | U. S. 4s C., 1907. ... 109⅛
$10,000 ... 108 | $10,000 ... 109⅛ | $50,000 ... 109⅛

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—2:30 P. M.

U. S. 4s R., 1907. ... 109⅛ | U. S. 4s C., 1907. ... 109⅛
$50,000 ... 109⅛ | $50,000 ... 109⅛

SALES TO 3 P. M.

N. L. E. & W.		Lin. Arbuck. Min.		Central Pacific.	
100 ... bd. cash	16½	100 ...	12	100 ... bb.	32⅛
$20,000 ...	91⅛	N. Y. L. E. & W.		100 ...	32⅛
$5,000 ...	91⅛	1810 ...	48	100 ...	32⅛
L. S. & M. S.		1000 ...	45	100 ...	32⅛
... per M Saf.	45	1500 ...	45⅛	Chic. St. P. & Min.	
$8,000 ...	38⅛	900 ...	45⅛	100 ...	87
R. I. & N. 1st.		300 ...	45⅛	200 ...	87⅛
15,000 ...	87	300 ...	45⅛	C. St. L. & N. W.	
Mich. C. & T. 2d.		1700 ... bd.	45⅛	100 ...	42⅛
$7,000 ...	65	1500 ...	45⅛	100 ...	42⅛
R. & Tus. C. 2d.		100 ...	46	R. & Texas Cent.	
... Main Line.		1800 ...	45⅛	100 ...	43⅛
10,000 ...	114⅛	Morris & Essex.		100 ...	43⅛
Ind. Dec. & Sp. 1st.		100 ...	108⅛	450 ...	84
$5,000 ...	74⅛	Lake Shore.		100 ...	84⅛
Det. Lan. & W.		100 ...	108	200 ...	84⅛
$2,000 ...	102	100 ...	108⅛	200 ...	84⅛
R. & B. Gen. Sh. C.		600 ...	108⅛	300 ...	85
20,000 ...	86⅛	100 ...	108⅛	Chi., St. & Pac.	
C. C. & I. C. 1st.		100 ...	109	12 ...	34⅛
26,000 ...	42⅛	200 ...	108⅛	Kansas & Texas.	
Cin. Sac. 1st pf.		200 ...	ex. 108⅛	800 ...	43⅛
1,000 ...	78⅛	500 ...	43⅛	800 ...	43⅛
Metropolitan 1st.		100 ...	bb. 109	900 ...	43⅛
$2,000 ...	102⅛	9600 ...	108⅛	Lake Erie & West.	
N. Y. & New Haven.		100 ...	108⅛	100 ...	32⅛
10,000 ...	94⅛	Union Pacific.		200 ...	32⅛
16,000 ...	43⅛	400 ...	92⅛	200 ...	32⅛
Boston 1st. coup.		200 ...	92⅛	200 ...	32⅛
10,000 ...	120⅛	300 ...	92⅛	Manhattan.	
R. L. & L. M. Mtg.		300 ...	92	100 ...	42⅛
$4,000 ...	86	100 ...	bb. 92	100 ...	bb. 42⅛
Texas Pac. Inc.		300 ...	92⅛	300 ...	41⅛
10,000 ...	78⅛	400 ...	92⅛	100 ...	41⅛
Wab. Pacific Rx.		100 ...	92⅛	Metropolitan.	
5 ...	103	100 ...	92⅛	50 ...	113
Adams Express.		100 ...	92⅛	Man. & Cin. 1st pf.	
150 ...	110	Central of N.		100 ...	25⅛
Standard Mining.		600 ...	88⅛	200 ...	11⅛
50 ...	31	100 ...	88⅛	Nashv. & Chat.	
10 ...	31	100 ...	88⅛	100 ...	94⅛
100 ...	30⅛	100 ...	88⅛	400 ...	94
Little Pittsburg.		1900 ...	88⅛	Northern Pacific.	
100 ...	b30.	100 ...	88⅛	100 ...	33⅛
100 ...	14⅛	North-western.		200 ...	33⅛
50 ...	14⅛	500 ...	93⅛	400 ...	33⅛
400 ...	14⅛	400 ...	93⅛	900 ...	33⅛
100 ...	14⅛	300 ...	93⅛	100 ...	33⅛
100 ...	sh. 14	1000 ...	93	Northern Pac. pf.	
50 ...	14⅛	100 ...	93⅛	100 ...	57⅛
150 ...	14⅛	200 ...	93⅛	100 ...	57⅛
100 ...	14⅛	200 ...	93⅛	Nash., C. & St. L.	
100 ...	14⅛	200 ...	92⅛	200 ...	116⅛
200 ...	14⅛	1100 ...	92⅛	200 ...	sh. 116
100 ...	14⅛	300 ...	92⅛	400 ...	116
100 ...	s60. 15⅛	1100 ...	93	700 ...	116⅛
100 ...	s3. 14⅛	600 ...	93⅛	400 ...	bk 116
400 ...	14⅛	300 ...	93⅛	N. Y. Ont. & West.	
100 ...	14⅛	300 ...	93⅛	250 ...	22⅛
Butte Tunnel.		Wab. Western pf.		Oregon R. & N.	
500 ...	b3. 3⅛	200 ...	106⅛	200 ...	106⅛
Homestake Min.		Bur., C. R. & N.		13 ...	109⅛
100 ...	33	100 ...	59	20 ...	108⅛
100 ...	34	St. Paul.		Pac. Dec. & Evans.	
Ontario Silver.		400 ...	81⅛	100 ...	21⅛
50 ...	37⅛	300 ...	81⅛	Phila. & Reading.	
Homestake Gold.		300 ...	81	700 ...	21
100 ...	52	900 ...	80⅛	600 ...	71⅛
100 ...	52⅛	900 ...	80⅛	900 ...	71⅛
100 ...	53	1200 ...	81	200 ...	70⅛
100 ...	53⅛	300 ...	80⅛	700 ...	70⅛
100 ...	54	500 ...	81⅛	200 ...	70⅛
Del. & Hudson.		500 ...	81⅛	200 ...	70⅛
100 ...	83⅛	600 ...	81⅛	2500 ...	70⅛
400 ...	83⅛	St. Paul pf.		1200 ...	71⅛
200 ...	83⅛	100 ...	104⅛	700 ...	71⅛
300 ...	83	200 ...	104	800 ...	71⅛
100 ...	83⅛	N. St. L. & Pac.		1800 ...	71⅛
200 ...	84	100 ...	44⅛	700 ...	71⅛
300 ...	84⅛	200 ...	44⅛	St. P. & S. C. pf.	
500 ...	84⅛	200 ...	44	100 ...	80⅛
100 ...	84⅛	200 ...	43⅛	100 ...	79⅛
Atlantic & Pacific.		400 ...	43⅛	St. L. & I. M. ex.	
10 ...	46	200 ...	43⅛	500 ...	68⅛
100 ...	46⅛	500 ...	43⅛	500 ...	68⅛
200 ...	46⅛	300 ...	44⅛	500 ...	63⅛
N. Y. C. & Hud.		100 ...	44	100 ...	63⅛
100 ...	131⅛	100 ...	44	100 ...	63⅛
100 ...	131⅛	Wab. F. L. & P. pf.		100 ...	63⅛
100 ...	s. 131⅛	100 ...	25	100 ...	63
Western Union.		600 ...	68⅛	400 ...	63⅛
200 ...	112⅛	300 ...	68⅛	100 ...	63⅛
100 ...	112⅛	300 ...	68⅛	800 ...	64
100 ...	112⅛	400 ...	68⅛	300 ...	64⅛
200 ...	bb. 112	200 ...	67⅛	200 ...	64⅛
200 ...	112⅛	200 ...	67⅛	St. L. & K. Pac.	
100 ...	bb. 112⅛	100 ...	67⅛	100 ...	bb. 57⅛
Pacific Mail.		200 ...	68	St. Paul & S. C.	
100 ...	57⅛	600 ...	68⅛	100 ...	85
200 ...	57⅛	200 ...	68⅛	200 ...	44⅛
600 ...	56⅛	600 ...	68⅛	300 ...	44⅛
100 ...	57	Del., Lack. & W.		200 ...	44
100 ...	57⅛	200 ...	91	Texas & Pacific.	
400 ...	57⅛	300 ...	92⅛	37 ...	47
200 ...	57⅛	5200 ...	92⅛	800 ...	47⅛
200 ...	57⅛	200 ...	92⅛	Han. & St. Jo.	
100 ...	57⅛	200 ...	92⅛	100 ...	40⅛
300 ...	57⅛	100 ...	91⅛	100 ...	40
1900 ...	57	100 ...	92⅛	1400 ...	40
2400 ...	56⅛	200 ...	93⅛	100 ...	40⅛
1000 ...	56⅛	100 ...	93⅛	Han. & St. Jo. pf.	
650 ...	56⅛	200 ...	93⅛	100 ...	73
200 ...	56⅛	300 ...	b3. 93⅛	Ohio & Miss.	
200 ...	s3. 57	Ches. & Ohio.		300 ...	35⅛
100 ...	57⅛	50 ...	21⅛	100 ...	35⅛
100 ...	57⅛	500 ...	22	1200 ...	35⅛
100 ...	57⅛	Chicago & Alton.		800 ...	35⅛
100 ...	57⅛	50 ...	106⅛	Ohio & Miss. pf.	
200 ...	57⅛	Canada Southern.		100 ...	75
100 ...	58	200 ...	67⅛	C. C. & I. C.	
200 ...	58⅛	100 ...	c10. 67⅛	5 ...	192⅛
200 ...	58⅛	100 ...	67⅛	100 ...	20⅛
700 ...	58⅛	200 ...	66⅛	50 ...	20
1500 ...	58⅛	Louisv. & Nashv.		100 ...	19⅛
Michigan Central.		200 ...	143	100 ...	19⅛
200 ...	91⅛	100 ...	142⅛		
100 ...	91⅛	10 ...	142⅛		

MINING STOCK EXCHANGE SALES—MARCH 3.

THIRD CALL—2:30 P. M.

Little Pittsburg.		Gold Placer.		Hurlill.	
10b.s.s15	15	1000 ... b.s.	.64	500 ... b.s.4	
100b.s60.15.88		2000 b.b3.	.63	Great Eastern.	
South Bits.		1500 ... b.s.	.65	1000 ... b.s.	.49
100 ... b.s.	2.20	1600 b.s3.	.67	500 b.c.s3.	.48
300 b.s.	s3. 2.20	500 b.c b5.	.68	Granville.	
200 ... b.s.	2.25	500 b.c b30.	.69	100 ...	.34
600 b.s3.	2.25	100 ... b.s.	.70	500 b.c b30.	.35
400 ... b.s.	2.30	500 b.c b3.	.70	Moose.	
100 ... b.s.	2.25	500 b.c b10.	.70	50 ... b.s.	1.50
100 ... b.s.	2.20	500 b.c b5.	.70	200 ... b.s.	2.40
Belmont.		1500 b.b3.	.70	100 ... b.s.	1.45
500 b.s.	.22	500 b.c b5.	.70	California.	
500 b.s b10.	.22	1000 b b10.	.71	35 ...	3.55
500 b.s b10.	.23	100 ... b.c.	.71	Imperial.	
1000 b.s b10.	.23	1000 b b10.	.71	100 ...	.80
1000 b b10.	.22	1000 ... s.c.	.70	Green Mountain.	
100 ... b.c.	.21	2100 s b30.	.71	1000 ... s.c.	3.15
1000 b b30.	.22	1000 ... s.c.	.70	Rappahannock.	
1000 b b10.	.21	600 ...	.71	2000 ... b30.	.49
1000 b b5.	.22	10 ... b.c.	8.75	500 ...	.41
500 b.s b10.	.23	Belle Isle.		Calaveras.	
Homes.		50 ... b.c.	1	100 b.c.s3.	2.05
1500 ... b.c.	2.55	Tuscarora.		100 b.c.s3.	2
300 ...	2.55	200 ... b.c.	2	200 ... s.c.	2
South Bulwer.		Bulwer.		Buckeye.	
100 ... b.c.	1.75	500 ... b.s.	3.62	1000 b.s3.	.55
300 ... b.c.	1.80	500 ... s.c.	3.75	American Flag.	
100 ... b.c.	1.80	Lacrosse.		500 s.c b30.	.50
200 ...	1.75	500 ... b.c.	.48		

WEDNESDAY, March 3—P. M.

The stock market was strong in the early dealings, and, on a brisk demand, the leading shares advanced sharply. Among the influences which favorably affected values were the advantages expected to be derived by the Pacific Mail Company and the Pacific railroads from the amicable adjustment of the recent differences, and the encouraging reports in regard to the condition of the coal trade. The improvement in prices ranged from ½ to 4½ ⅌ cent. Pacific Mail, the coal stocks, Lake Erie and Western, Houston and Texas, Iron Mountain, Canada Southern, Union Pacific, and Louisville and Nashville being most conspicuous in the upward movement. The rise in Canada Southern was stimulated by reports that the earnings of the road for January show a very large increase, and that the company have recently been compelled to add an additional transfer boat at Detroit to meet the requirements of their steadily increasing business. In the afternoon a selling movement was commenced on the intelligence that the Secretary of the Treasury had not purchased as large an amount of bonds for the sinking fund as had been anticipated, and prices declined ½ to 2 ⅌ cent. The depression, however, proved to be merely temporary, and toward the close many operators who had parted with their holdings were eager buyers at advancing quotations. The final sales were at or near the highest figures of the day in many instances. Among the miscellaneous shares Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis fell off 2½, and Manhattan Elevated 2 ⅌ cent. in the early dealings, but the decline was afterward partially recovered.

The transactions aggregated 439,325 shares, including 61,450 Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 42,900 Erie, 41,100 Reading, 35,850 Pacific Mail, 27,600 Lake Shore, 25,150 North-west, 22,020 St. Paul, 16,950 Wabash, 14,050 Iron Mountain, 13,450 Ohio and Mississippi, 13,300 Delaware and Hudson, 12,079 New-Jersey Central, 10,185 Kansas and Texas, 10,100 Manhattan Elevated, 9,050 Ontario and Western, 8,650 Western Union, 8,460 Little Pittsburg, 6,700 Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis, and 6,600 Union Pacific.

North-west common rose from 93 to 93⅞, declined to 92⅞, and closed at 93¼; St. Paul common advanced from 80½ to 81⅝, reacted to 80⅝, and rallied to 81½; Lake Shore declined from 109⅞ to 108⅞, rose to 109½, fell off to 108⅞, and closed at 109¼; Michigan Central rose from 91¼ to 92, and closed at 91⅞; Erie rose from 46¾ to 48½, declined to 45⅝, and recovered to 46; the preferred ranged from 71½ to 72; Canada Southern advanced from 65½ to 68, and reacted to 66¾; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western rose from 92⅞ to 94, reacted to 92⅞, and recovered to 93½; New-Jersey Central advanced from 87½ to 89¼, reacted to 88½, and rallied to 88¾; Delaware and Hudson rose from 82¼ to 84¾, reacted to 83, advanced to 84½, and finally sold at 84⅛; Morris and Essex fell off from 109½ to 108½; Reading rose from 71½ to 72⅞, declined to 70½, and closed at 71½; Mobile and Ohio fell off from 24 to 23, and rose to 24¼; C., C., C. and I. advanced from 78¾ to 79¾; Chesapeake and Ohio Second preferred from 23¾ to 24½; Chesapeake and Ohio common sold at 22 & 22⅞; Chicago, St. Louis and New-Orleans rose from 44¾ to 45, and declined to 43½; C., C. and I. C. fell off from 20¾ to 19, rallied to 20, and reacted to 19½; Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis rose from 56¾ to 57⅞, and declined to 56½; St. Paul and Stonx City rose from 43¾ to 44½, and reacted to 44; the preferred rose from 80½ to 81, and fell off to 79; Hannibal and St. Joseph rose from 40¼ to 40¾; preferred from 74½ to 74⅞, but the former afterward declined to 40, and the latter to 73½; Houston and Texas rose from 82 to 84¾, fell off to 83, and advanced to 85; Lake Erie and Western rose from 30⅞ to 34, and receded to 33½; Louisville and Nashville advanced from 141 to 143½; Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis declined from 117½ to 115, recovered to 116½, and closed at 116; Ontario and Western ranged between 30 and 30⅞, closing at 30½; Peoria, Decatur and Evansville declined from 22 to 21¼; Ohio Central rose from 25 to 25½; Texas Pacific ranged between 46⅞ and 47⅞; Kansas and Texas rose from 43½ to 44½, fell off to 43⅝, and rallied to 43⅞; New Central Coal rose from 29 to 32, and reacted to 30; Northern Pacific advanced from 33 to 33¼, and reacted to 33; the preferred advanced from 56½ to 57⅞; Ohio and Mississippi rose from 35⅝ to 36¼, declined to 35⅝, and rallied to 35⅞; the preferred declined from 74¼ to 73; Wabash rose from 43¾ to 44⅞, fell off to 43½, and closed at 43¾; the preferred fell off from 68½ to 68, rose to 68¼, dropped to 67⅞, and recovered to 68½; Iron Mountain advanced from 64 to 65½, declined to 63¼, and recovered to 64¼; Union Pacific advanced from 92½ to 93¾, reacted to 92½, and recovered to 93½; Central Pacific rose from 83 to 83½, and fell off to 82; Pacific Mail advanced from 54½ to 58¾, reacted to 56⅝, recovered to 58½, and closed at 58¼; Western Union rose from 112½ to 113, fell off to 112½, and rose to 113¼; Atlantic and Pacific advanced from 46 to 48½; Manhattan Elevated declined from 43 to 41½, recovered to 43, and closed at 41¾; Metropolitan declined to 112¼; New-York Elevated was steady at 122; New-York Central fell off from 132 to 131½; Illinois Central from 102¼ to 102; Montauk Gas and Coal opened at 52 and sold up to 54; Little Pittsburg rose from 13 to 13½, and reacted to 14½; Central Arizona sold at 8⅞@8¾; Sutro at 3⅝@3⅞; Standard advanced from 27 to 30½.

The Central Pacific Railroad Company have called in for redemption, on Sept. 1, 1880, all their convertible bonds outstanding, amounting to $1,843,000, due in 1888. The bonds will be paid from the surplus earnings of the company.

It was stated to-day that the signatures of 90 ⅌ cent. of the holders of the income bonds of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company have already been obtained to the request to terminate the stock trust, and in a short time the stock of the company will be exchanged for the representative certificates issued by the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, which are now current on the Street.

The Money market worked smoothly and Stock Exchange borrowers were readily accommodated, at 5@6 ⅌ cent., with exceptional transactions as low as 4 ⅌ cent. toward the close. The rates to the Government bond dealers were 3@4 ⅌ cent. Discounts are unchanged. The following were the rates of domestic exchange on New-York at the undermentioned cities to-day: Savannah, buying, 1-16 discount, selling, ¼ premium; Charleston, scarce, buying 3-32@⅛, selling ¼; New-Orleans, commercial, 50 discount, bank, 1 premium; St. Louis, 1-10 discount; Chicago, 60c. @80c. discount, and Boston, 50c. discount.

The foreign advices reported British Consols and United States Government bonds at London steady and unchanged. In American railway securities, Erie common advanced from 46⅝ to 47; Illinois Central from 104½ to 105, and Reading from 35 to 36¾; Pennsylvania rose ½ ⅌ cent., to 54, but reacted to 53¾; New-Jersey Central was quoted at 89@91, against 87@89 yesterday; Atlantic and Great Western First declined from 68½ to 68, and do. Seconds, after selling down from 31 to 30½, recovered to 31; do. common stock fell off from 10 to 9½. The Bank of England gained £14,000 on balance to-day. India Council bills were allotted to-day at a decline of 1-16d. ⅌ rupee. At Paris, Rentes advanced from 82f. 25c. to 82f. 57½c.

The Sterling Exchange market was dull and without change, either in the nominal or selling rates.

Government bonds were weak in tone, especially in the late dealings, when prices declined a fraction. Railroad mortgages were active and buoyant in the early dealings, with an advance in quotations ranging from ½ to 2½ ⅌ cent. The improvement, however, was afterward partially lost. Erie consolidated Seconds rose to 92½, fell off to 91½, and closed at 91¾; do. funded 5s declined to 86½, and rallied to 86¾; Iron Mountain First preferred income advanced from 94 to 96; Seconds do. from 84½ to 87, with final sales at 85 and 94½, respectively; Chesapeake and Ohio First, series B, advanced to 69¾, and do., currency 6s to 84½, but the former closed at 69 and the latter at 83¾; Texas Pacific incomes rose from 76 to 77, and reacted to 76½; Boston, Hartford and Erie Firsts advanced from 56 to 58, and closed at 57; Jersey Central incomes rose from 89¼ to 90; Lehigh and Wilkesbarre consolidated assented from 99 to 99½; Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg consolidated Firsts from 71¼ to 72; Chicago and North-western consolidated gold coupons from 116¾ to 117¼; Lake Erie and Western incomes from 84 to 85½; Kansas and Texas Seconds from 66½ to 67. The last named afterward declined to 66. Canada Southern Firsts sold up from 90⅝ to 91; C., C. and I. C. issues were exceptionally heavy, and declined to 42½ for Incomes and to 87 for supplementary. State bonds were firm, except for Alabama, class A, which declined to 63.

There were 25 proposals to sell bonds to the Government at the Sub-Treasury, to-day, amounting in the aggregate to $13,120,000, at 105.85 to 106.24 for the 6s of 1881; 104 to 104.25 for the 6s of 1880, and 103.60 to 104 for the 5s of 1881. The Secretary of the Treasury accepted $2,516,000 at 104 for the 6s of 1880, and at 105⅞ and under for the 6s of 1881.

Mining shares were firmer than for several days past, and advanced ½ to 3½ ⅌ cent., Standard leading the upward movement.

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, March 3, 1880.

Receipts	$902,480 14
Payments	2,773,633 84
Balance, coin	101,774,220 96
Balance, notes	5,407,773 08

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—MARCH 3.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
United States 4s, 1907, coupon	106⅞	106⅞
United States 4½s, 1891, coupon	108	108
United States 5s, 1881, coupon	103⅞	103⅞
Adams Express	109⅞	110
American Express	56⅞	56⅞
Albany and Susquehanna	107⅞	107⅞
Alton and Terre Haute	33	33
Alton and Terre Haute pref	64	64
American District Telegraph	72	72
Boston Water Power	17⅛	17
Boston Air Line	94	94
Boston Land Company	11⅛	11⅛
B., C. R. and Northern	90	89
Canton	53⅛	53⅛
Canada Southern	66⅞	66⅞
Chimney Mining	3⅞	3⅞
Caribou Mining	4	4
Central Arizona	10⅛	10⅛
Chicago and New-Orleans	44⅞	45⅛
Cleve., Col., Cin. and Ind.	78⅞	79⅞
Chesapeake and Ohio	22⅞	22
Chesapeake and Ohio 1st pref	33	33
Chesapeake and Ohio 2d pref	23⅞	24⅞
C., C. and I. C.	20⅞	19⅞
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	145	145
Chicago and Alton	106⅞	106⅞
Chicago and Alton pref	117	117
Chicago, St. Paul and Minneapolis	56⅞	56⅞
Chicago and North-west	93⅛	93⅛
Chicago and North-west pref	107⅞	107⅞
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul	80⅞	81⅛
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul pref	104	104
Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific	133	133
Cleveland and Pittsburg	110⅞	110⅞
Consolidation Coal	32⅞	32⅞
Cumberland Coal	65	66
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western	92⅞	93⅞
Delaware and Hudson Canal	82⅞	84⅞
Brooklyn Mining	31	31
Frankfort and Kokomo	32⅞	32⅞
Hannibal and St. Joseph	40⅞	40⅞
Hannibal and St. Joseph pref	74⅞	73⅞
Huron	180	180
Homestake Mining	34	34
Houston and Texas	82	82
Illinois Central	102⅞	102
Indianapolis, Bloomington & Western	37	37
Jersey City and Bergen	33⅞	33⅞
Ohio Central	25	25
Keokuk and Des Moines	16⅞	16⅞
Keokuk and Des Moines pref	37⅞	37⅞
Lake Shore	109⅞	109⅞
Lake Erie and Western	30⅞	33⅞
Le Fitte	7	7
Louisville and Nashville	141	143⅛
Little Pittsburg	13	14⅞
Long Island	100	100
Manhattan Railroad	42	41⅞
Marietta	8⅞	8⅞
Marietta and Cincinnati 1st pref	17	17
Marietta and Cincinnati 2d pref	8⅞	8⅞
Michigan Central	113	112⅞
Mobile and Ohio	24	24
Missouri, Kansas and Texas	43⅞	43⅞
Morris and Essex	109⅞	108⅞
Maryland Coal	27	27
Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis	117⅞	116
New Central Coal	29	30
New-Jersey Central	89⅞	89⅞
New-York Central	132	131⅞
New-York and New-Haven	156⅞	156⅞
New-York, Lake Erie and Western	127	128
New-York, Lake Erie and Western pref	74	74
Northern Pacific	33	33
Northern Pacific pref	57⅞	57⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	36⅞	35⅞
Ohio and Mississippi pref	74	73
Oregon Railway and Navigation	110	110
Pacific Mail	54⅞	58⅞
Pacific Express	153	153
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago	195	195
Pittsburg, Cincinnati and Baltimore	118	118
Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago	171	171
Pullman Palace Car Company	130⅞	130⅞
Quicksilver	20⅞	20⅞
Quicksilver pref	32⅞	32⅞
Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg	90	90
Rensselaer and Saratoga	119	119
Richmond and Danville	87	89⅞
Saint Paul	81⅞	81⅞
Saint Paul and Minneapolis	56⅞	57⅞
St. Louis and Cedar Rapids	42⅞	42⅞
St. Louis and San Francisco pref	57⅞	57⅞
St. Louis and Iron Mountain	64⅞	64⅞
St. Louis and Cedar Rapids	40⅞	40⅞
St. Paul and Sioux City pref	80⅞	79⅞
New-York, Ontario and Western	30⅞	30⅞
Union Pacific	92⅞	93⅞
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific	43⅞	44⅞
Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific pref	68⅞	68⅞
Wells-Fargo Express	104	104
Western Union Telegraph	112⅞	113⅛
United States Express	48⅞	48⅞

The extreme range of prices in stocks and the number of shares sold are as follows:

	Highest.	Lowest.	No. of Shares.
Adams Express	110	110	200
Atlantic and Pacific Tel.	46⅞	46⅞	400
Boston Water Power	17	17	100
B., C. R. and Northern	89	89	100
Canada Southern	68	65⅞	3,600
Chimney Mining	3⅞	3⅞	350
Central Arizona	8⅞	8⅞	300
Chic., St. Louis and N. O.	45	43⅞	600
Cleve., Col., Cin. and Ind.	79⅞	78⅞	400
Chesapeake and Ohio	23⅞	22	854
Ches. and Ohio 2d pref	24⅞	24⅞	600
C., C., Chic. and I. Central	20⅞	19⅞	2,100
Chicago and Alton	106⅞	106⅞	100
Chicago and North-west	93⅞	92⅞	28,700
Chi. and North-west pf.	108	106⅞	1,450
Chic., Milwaukee and St. Paul	81⅞	80⅞	21,600
Chi., M. and St. Paul pref.	104⅞	104	520
Consolidated Coal	32	32	150
Central Pacific	83⅞	82	1,700
Del., Lack. and West.	92	91⅞	61,450
Del. Lack. and West. pref.	94⅞	92⅞	13,800
Hannibal and St. Joseph	40	40⅞	3,600
Han. and St. Joseph pref.	74	73⅞	3,050
Homestake Mining	34	33	300
Houston and Texas	85	83	3,250
Illinois Central	102⅞	102	750
Lake Shore	109⅞	108⅞	27,600
Lake Erie and Western	34⅞	31⅞	5,400
Louisville and Nashville	143⅞	142	500
Little Pittsburg	15⅞	13	8,460
Man. Alb. and G.	45	41⅞	10,100
Manhattan Gas	54	52	500
Montauk Gas Coal	54	52	500
Marietta and Cincinnati	17	16	300
Metropolitan Railroad	112⅞	112⅞	200
Michigan Central	92	91⅞	3,450
Mobile and Ohio	24⅞	23	1,400
Missouri, Kan. and Texas	44⅞	43⅞	10,185
Morris and Essex	109⅞	108⅞	100
Mach., Chat. and St. L.	117	115	6,700
New Central Coal	30	30	200
New-York Central	132⅞	131⅞	12,079
New-York Elevated	122	122	100
New-York, L. E. & West.	48⅞	45⅞	39,900
N. Y. L. E. & West. pref.	92⅞	91⅞	2,000
Northern Pacific	33⅞	33	1,300
Northern Pacific pref.	57⅞	57⅞	900
Ohio and Mississippi	36⅞	35⅞	12,950
Ohio and Mississippi pref.	74⅞	73	500
Ontario and Western	30⅞	30	9,050
Ohio Central	25⅞	25⅞	800
Pacific Mail	59⅞	54⅞	35,850
Peoria, Dec. and Evans.	22	21⅞	900
Phila. and Reading	72⅞	70⅞	41,100
Standard Mining	30⅞	29	700
Stutro Tunnel	3⅞	3⅞	3,900
St. L. and San F. pref.	67⅞	67⅞	300
St. L. and San F. 1st pref.	77⅞	77⅞	200
St. Louis and Iron M.	64⅞	63⅞	14,050
St. P. and S. City pref.	44⅞	44	2,700
St. P. and S. City pref.	81	79⅞	800
Texas Pacific	47⅞	46⅞	4,211
Union Pacific	93⅞	92⅞	6,600
W., St. L. and Pacific	44⅞	43⅞	5,700
W., St. L. and Pacific pref.	68⅞	67⅞	11,250
Wells-Fargo Express	104	104	270
Western Union	113⅞	112⅞	8,850
Total sales			439,325

The following were the closing quotations of Government bonds:

	Bid.	Asked.
United States 6s, 1880, registered	103⅞	104
United States 6s, 1880, coupons	103⅞	104
United States 6s, 1881, registered	103⅞	103⅞
United States 6s, 1881, coupons	103⅞	103⅞
United States 5s, 1881, registered	102⅞	103⅞
United States 5s, 1881, coupons

SHIPPING.

CUNARD LINE.

NOTICE.

With the view of diminishing the chances of collision, the masters of this line take a specified course for all seasons of the year.

On the outward passage from Queenstown to New-York or Boston, crossing the meridian of 50 at 42 latitude, or nothing to the north of it.

On the homeward passage crossing the meridian of 50 at 43, or nothing to the north of it.

THIS FIRM DO NOT ACCEPT OR CONTRACT FOR PASSAGE FROM PIER NO. 40 NORTH RIVER.

PARSIA.....Wednesday, March 16, 3 P. M.
ALGERIA.....Wednesday, March 17, 9 A. M.
SCOTIA.....Saturday, March 24, 3 P. M.
ABYSSINIA.....Wednesday, March 31, 8:30 A. M.

Cabin passage and return tickets on favorable terms. Nothing superior to low rates for Fall and Winter months. Excursion tickets to Europe from all parts of Europe at very low rates. Freight and passage offices, No. 4 Bowling Green.

CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

WHITE STAR LINE.

UNITED STATES AND ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

NOTICE.—The steamers of this line take the Lane Route recommended by Lieut. Maury, U. S. N., on both the outward and homeward passage.

BERMANIC, Capt. KENNEY.....Sat., March 6, 1:30 P. M.
BALTIC, Capt. Parsons.....Thursday, March 11, 8 A. M.
GERMANIC, Capt. Delano.....Thursday, March 18, 10:30 A. M.

From White Star Dock, foot of West 10th-st.

These steamers are uniform in size and unsurpassed in speed, carrying the United States mail, making the finest rooms are amidships, where the noise and motion are least felt, affording a degree of comfort hitherto unattainable at sea.

RATES.—Saloon, $80, $90, and $100; return tickets at favorable terms; steerage, $35.

The steamers carry neither cattle, sheep, nor pigs.

For inspection of plans and other information, apply to the company's office, No. 37 Broadway, New-York, or No. 140 Walnut-st., Phila. E. J. CORTIS, Agent.

GUION LINE.

UNITED STATES MAIL STEAMERS FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Leaving Pier No. 36 N. R., foot of King-st.

VIRGINIAN.....TUESDAY, March 2, 3:30 P. M.
ARIZONA.....TUESDAY, March 16, 9 A. M.
WYOMING.....TUESDAY, March 23, 3 P. M.
NEVADA.....TUESDAY, March 30, 3 A. M.
MONTANA.....TUESDAY, April 6, 3 P. M.

☞ These steamers are built of iron, in water-tight compartments, and are furnished with every requisite to make the passage across the Atlantic both safe and agreeable, having bath-room, smoking-room, drawing-room, piano, and library; also, experienced surgeons, stewardess, and caterer on each steamer. The state-rooms are all upper deck, thus insuring those greatest of all luxuries at sea—perfect ventilation and light.

CABIN PASSAGE, (according to state-room,) $60, $80, and $100; INTERMEDIATE, $40. STEERAGE AT LOW RATES. OFFICES, NO. 29 BROADWAY.

WILLIAMS & GUION.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.

NORTH GERMAN LLOYD.

STEAM-SHIP LINE BETWEEN NEW-YORK, SOUTHAMPTON, AND BREMEN.

DONAU.....Sat., March 6 | NECKAR....Sat., March 20
RHEIN.....Sat., March 13 | EDER.....Sat., March 27

RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK TO SOUTHAMPTON, HAVRE, OR BREMEN.

First Cabin.....$100
Second Cabin.....60
Steerage.....30

Return tickets at reduced rates. Prepaid steerage certificates, $28. STEERAGE TICKETS TO ALL POINTS IN THE SOUTH OF ENGLAND, $30.

OELRICHS & CO., No. 2 Bowling Green.

INMAN LINE ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

NOTICE.—The steamers of this Line take Liest. Maury's Lane Route at all seasons of the year.

CITY OF RICHMOND.....Saturday, March 13, 7 A. M.
CITY OF CHESTER.....Saturday, March 20, 12:30 P. M.
CITY OF NEW-YORK.....Saturday, March 27, 3 P. M.

From Pier No. 37 North River, foot of Charlton-st.

Cabin, $60, $80, and $100. Return tickets on favorable terms. STEERAGE, $28.

Drafts issued at lowest rates.

Saloons, state-rooms, smoking and bath rooms amidships. These steamers do not carry cattle, sheep or pigs.

Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway, New-York.

GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY

Between New-York and Havre.

Company's Pier, (new,) No. 42 North River, foot of Morton-st.

Travelers by this line avoid both transit by English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel in a small boat.

AMERIQUE, B. JONCLA.....Wednesday, March 17, 9 A. M.
FRANCE, THOMMEZ.....Wednesday, March 31, 9 A. M.
LA NORMANDIE, GARAND.....Wednesday, April 14, 9 A. M.

Checks drawn on Credit Lyonais of Paris in amounts to suit.

For freight and passage apply to

LOUIS DE BEBIAN, Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

STATE LINE,

TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, DUBLIN, BELFAST, AND LONDONDERRY.

From pier foot of Canal-st., N. R., as follows:

Steamer STATE OF NEVADA.....Thurs., March 4, 12 M.
Steamer STATE OF ALABAMA, Thur., March 11, 7 A. M.

First cabin, $60 to $75, according to accommodation; excursion tickets, $110 to $150; second cabin, $40; excursion tickets, $70. Steerage, $28.

For freight and passage apply to

AUSTIN BALDWIN & CO., Gen'l Agents, No. 73 Broadway, New-York.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL.

Hamburg American Packet Company's Line for PLYMOUTH, CHERBOURG, and HAMBURG.

LESSING.....March 4 | SILESIA, Thurs., March 18
SILESIA, Thurs., March 11 | WIELAND, Thurs., March 25

Rates of passage to Plymouth, London, Cherbourg, Hamburg, and all points in the South of England: First Cabin, $100; Second Cabin, $60; Steerage, $30.

KUNHARDT & CO., C. B. RICHARD & CO.,
General Agents, General Passenger Agents,
No. 61 Broad-st., N. Y. No. 61 Broadway, N. Y.

ANCHOR LINE U. S. MAIL STEAMERS.

NEW-YORK AND GLASGOW.

From Pier No. 20 North River, foot of Cedar-st., New-York.

Ethiopia...March 6, 3 P. M. | Devonia...March 20, noon
Circassia...March 13, 7 A. M. | Bolivia...March 27, 6 A. M.

Cabin, $60 to $80. Excursion tickets at reduced rates.

Second Cabin, $40. Steerage, $30.

NEW-YORK TO LONDON DIRECT.

From Pier No. 46 North River, foot of Charles-st.

California, March 4, 11 A. M. | Australia, March 8, 1 P. M.

Cabins, $55 and $65. Excursion tickets at reduced rate.

HENDERSON BROTHERS, Agents, 7 Bowling Green.

ROTTERDAM LINE.

Steamers leave Co.'s pier, adj. Pavonia Ferry, Jersey City:

ROTTERDAM.....Wednesday, March 17
W. A. SCHOLTEN.....Wednesday, March 24
SCHIEDAM.....Wednesday, March 31

Rate Cabin, $65-$70; 2d Cabin, $40; Steerage, $26.

H. CAZAUX, General Agent, No. 27 South William-st.

FUNCH, EDYE & CO., 1. W. MORRIS,
27 S. Wm-st., Freight Agts. 59 B'way, Gen. Passage Agt.

SAVANNAH AND FLORIDA.

From Pier No. 43 North River, (new No. 35,) foot of Spring-st.

at 3 P. M. Wednesday and Saturday.

CITY OF MACON, Capt. KEYPOR...Saturday, March 6
CITY OF COLUMBUS, Capt. NICKERSON...Wed., Mar. 10

Connecting at Fernandina with the Central Railroad of Georgia, Savannah, Florida and Western Railroad, and with the new and elegant steamer FLORIDA, just built for this company, and designed expressly to run via the INSIDE ROUTE to Jacksonville and all points on the St. Johns River.

GEO. YONGE, Agent,
O. G. OWENS, Ocean S. S. Co., and
Gen'l Agt. Ga. R. R. & W. R. R., Central R. R. Ref'nd Co.
315 Broadway. 409 Broadway.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAM-SHIP COMPANY

FOR SAN FRANCISCO via ISTHMUS OF PANAMA:

Steam-ship ACAPULCO.....Wednesday, March 10, noon

Connecting at Panama with Steamers for Central America and Mexico.

From SAN FRANCISCO to JAPAN and CHINA:

Steam-ship CITY OF TOKIO, Saturday, March 20, noon.

From SAN FRANCISCO to HONOLULU, NEW-ZEALAND, and AUSTRALIA:

Steam-ship CITY OF SYDNEY, Monday, Mar. 15, noon

For freight or general information apply at company's office, No. 327 North River, foot of Canal-st.

Passengers forwarded to SAN FRANCISCO, SANDWICH ISLANDS, JAPAN, CHINA, NEW-ZEALAND, AUSTRALIA, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA and MEXICAN PORTS.

For information or for information in regard to routes apply to the Passenger Department, No. 287 BROADWAY.

G. T. KEWALL, H. J. BULLAY,
General Passenger Agent. Superintendent.

N. Y., HAVANA, AND MEXICAN MAIL S. S. LINE

Steamers leave Pier No. 3 North River at 3 P. M.

FOR HAVANA DIRECT,

AND VERA CRUZ VIA HAVANA,

Calling at PROGRESO, CAMPECHE, and TONSTERA.

CITY OF NEW-YORK, (Havana & Mexico,) Sat., March 6
CITY OF WASHINGTON, (Havana only,) Thu. Mch 11.
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, (Havana & Mexico,) S., Mch. 20

The saloons are furnished with swinging berths in state-rooms, small table in dining-room, and meals are served à la carte without extra charge.

Steamer ship City of Mexico will leave N. Orleans March 9 and 29 for Vera Cruz, touching at Campeche, and Progreso, connecting with steamers for Havana and New-York.

F. ALEXANDER & SONS, Nos. 31 and 33 Broadway.

NEW-YORK AND HAVANA DIRECT MAIL LINE.

These first-class steam-ships sail regularly at 3 P. M. from Pier No. 3 North River, as follows:

CITY OF VERA CRUZ, Capt. WALSH.....Wed., March 3
SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Capt. POOTS.....Sat., March 13

(Accommodations unsurpassed.) For freight or passage apply to WILLIAM P. CLYDE & CO., No. 35 Broadway. LAWTON BROS., Agents in Havana.

CHARLESTON LINE.

FROM PIER NO. 27 NORTH RIVER at 3 P. M.

Steamer CHARLESTON.....SATURDAY, March 6
Steamer GEO. W. CLYDE.....WEDNESDAY, March 10

FLORIDA, THE SOUTH, AND SOUTH-WEST

Through tickets and through rates to all points.

JAMES W. QUINTARD & CO., Agents, office on the pier, or E. D. HABELL, Gen'l Agent, No. 317 Broadway.

NEW-YORK AND CUBA MAIL S. S. LINE

FOR HAVANA DIRECT.

FROM PIER NO. 16 EAST RIVER, AT 3 P. M.

Magnificent accommodations for Passengers.

A. S. ELMORA.....Saturday, March 6
R. R. SARATOGA.....Thursday, March 18

JAMES E. WARD & CO., No. 113 Wall-st.

STEAM-BOATS.

$1 TO BOSTON FIRST CLASS, VIA THE OLD RELIABLE STONINGTON LINE.

The elegant steamers STONINGTON and NARRAGANSETT leave daily, Sunday excepted, from Pier No. 39 North River, foot of Jay-st., at 5 P. M.

Special limited tickets between New-York and Boston, on this line, good only for the trip for which they are sold, as specified on their face, $1.

FREIGHT LINE—FOR FREIGHT ONLY.

Freighters leave daily, except Sundays, from Pier No. 39 North River, foot of Warren-st., at 4 P. M.

ONE DOLLAR TO BOSTON VIA FALL RIVER LINE for special limited tickets; magnificent steamers, OLD COLONY and NEWPORT leave New-York daily, excepting Sundays, at 5 P. M., from foot of Warren-st., or foot of Murray-st. Leave Brooklyn at 4:30 P. M. Leave Jersey City, at 30 P. M., via the Annex.

FOR BRIDGEPORT AND ALL POINTS ON Housatonic and Naugatuck Railroad.—Steamers leave Pier No. 35 E. R., foot of Peck-slip, daily, Sundays excepted, at 4:30 P. M. and 9:30 P. M. New haven and way points by rail or boat.

NEW HAVEN LINE TO BOSTON.—FARE ONE DOLLAR. Through tickets to all points East. Steamers leave Pier No. 35 North River, daily, including Sundays, at 5 P. M., for New-Haven, Boston, Worcester, &c.

FOR NEW-HAVEN, HARTFORD, AND THE WEST.—Pier No. 35 North River. Steamers leave Pier-slip, foot of Peck-slip, at 5 and 11 P. M., connecting with rail.

THE REAL ESTATE MARKET.

The following business was transacted at the Exchange yesterday, (Wednesday,) March 3:

C. S. Brown sold, by order of the Executors, the four-story brick dwelling, with lot 28 by 100, No. 61 Bleecker-st., 262 feet east of Broadway, for $12,850, to Charles H. Meeron.

E. H. Ludlow & Co., foreclosure sale, William H. Tunnard, Esq., Referee, of the three-story brick dwelling, with lot 18.6 by 88.6, No. 312 West 46th-st., south side, 155 feet west of 8th-av., for $7,600, to Joseph E. Knapp.

Richard V. Harnett, foreclosure sale, John B. Hall, Esq., Referee, sold the two three-story brick dwellings, with lots each 16.8 by 98.9, Nos. 206 and 210 East 27th-st., south side, 141.8 feet east of 3d-av., for $10,000, to Elizabeth Heddesheimer, plaintiff. Also, similar sale, Charles P. Millet, Esq., Referee, disposed of the five-story brown-stone-front dwelling, with lot 20 by 42, No. 125 East 50th-st., north side, 60 feet west of Lexington-av., for $9,500, to Elizabeth J. Clarke, plaintiff. Also, at public auction, sold the two-story frame house, with lot 25 by 99.11, No. 163 East 126th-st., north side, 110 feet west of 3d-av., for $4,625, to A. M. Lyon. Similar house, with three lots, each 25 by 117.8, 1654-st., north side, 106 feet west of Washington-av., sold for $2,100 to Ottinger Brothers; and three-story house, with lot 20 by 78.6, No. 195 Lee-av., north side, 40 feet west of Hayward-st., Brooklyn, sold for $4,425 to Julius Smith.

Van Tassell & Kearney, foreclosure sale, E. D. Gale, Esq., Referee, sold the three-story frame dwelling, with lot 37.6 by 100.4, No. 71 East 127th-st., north side, 238.9 feet east of 5th-av., for $9,000, to Charles Schultz.

The remaining sales were adjourned as follows: Sale by Rhinard V. Harnett, of dwelling and lot No. 80 Bayard-st., west of Mott-st., to March 10, and sale by John T. Boyd of buildings, with lots, Nos. 419 and 421 East 224-st., east of 1st-av., to March 17.

RECORDED REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

NEW-YORK.

Wednesday, March 3.

Waverley-st., s. s. 100 ft. w. of Madison-av., 100x100; also, e. s. Waverley-st., 100 ft. s. of Madison-av., 125x100; and, also, Central-av., near Madison-av., 77.2 2-5x91.1x irregular; Edward C. Bull to Charles Place	$5,000
Madison-av., w. s., about 50 ft. n. of 98th-st. to point on 98th-st. 10 ft. from Madison-av. x irregular; Phoebe P. Allen, Executrix, &c., to Smith Ely, Jr.	500
86th-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of 9th-av., 150x100; John Burke to Frances E. Wales	nom.
110th-st., s. s., 87 ft. w. of 4th-av., 21x100.11; Mary E. Lockwood to Joseph A. Lockwood	6,000
50th-st., s. s., 581 ft. w. of 5th-av., 20x100.5; R. S. Newcombe, Referee, to E. P. Kinsam	16,000
24th-st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of 9th-av., 21x98.9; William C. Traphagen, Referee, to William H. Livingston	8,400
Franklin-av., e. s., 224 Ward, 24.4x156x irregular; Emma Greener and husband to Ellen Blackburne	150
24th-st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of 9th-av., 21x98.9; William H. Livingston and wife to the Twenty-fourth-Street Methodist Episcopal Church	9,000
67th-st., s. s., 150 ft. w. of 8th-av., 125x100.5; Jacob King and wife to Charles H. Lalor	35,000
Broadway, No. 1, and also No. 25 Chambers-st., the Mutual Life Insurance Company to Auraham M. Francis	50,000
66th-st., s. s., 150 ft. w. of 8th-av., 50x114.5x irregular; T. B. Musgrave and wife to Thomas H. J. Fowler	12,000
Broome-st., No. 16, corner of Mangin-st., 25.1x 50x16.1 irregular; also, No. 14 Broome-st., 25.1x55; also, No. 18½ Mangin-st., 25x87, and also, No. 20 Mangin-st., 20x50.2; Myer Fine to Abraham M. Francis	37,000
94th-st., s. s., 175 ft. e. of 5th-av., 75x100; L. Lewisohn and wife to Jacob Ruppert and another	24,000
Chambers-st., s. s., 30.2 ft. w. of Centre-st., 20 x43.2x20.9x87.6; also, s. s. Chambers-st., 59.6 ft. w. of Centre-st., 9.4x76.10, and also, s. s. Reade-st., near Centre-st., 29.11x91.5x irregular; A. M. Francis to Myer Fine	65,000
84th-st., s. s., 50.4 ft. n. of 93d-st., 25.2x102.2; Sarah White and husband to Jacob Ruppert and another	14,800
110th-st., s. s., 390 ft. e. of 3d-av., 50x110; James Wood and wife to John H. Doane	6,500
Hudson-st., No. 21; Charles W. West, Referee, to Samuel Sloan	9,100
54th-st., s. s. corner of 6th-av., 25.5x100; Kate B. Happel and others, Trustees, &c., to A. Mowbray	50,000
Madison-av., e. s., from 76th to 77th-st., 204.4 x45; James W. Smith and wife to A. Mowbray	65,000
Grand-st., n. w. corner of Centre-st., 25.11x75; William E. Brown, Executor, &c., to J. G. Wendel	20,100
8th-av., w. s., 25.5 ft. n. of 52d-st., 25x100; Margaretha Diets to Dorothea Lang	14,000
Madison-av., e. s., 56.7½ ft. s. of 81st-st., 20x 85; Elizabeth Greenhall and husband to L. Monroe	20,000
Madison-av., e. s., from 76th to 77th-st., 204.4 x45; James W. Smith and wife to A. Mowbray	65,000
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Madison-av., e. s., 56.7½ ft. s. of 81st-st., 20x 85; Elizabeth Greenhall and husband to L. Monroe	20,000
Madison-av., e. s., from 60th to 61st-st., 16.7x 100; Thomas M. McCarthy to Florence M. Hubbard	11,000
106th-st., s. s., 154 ft. e. of 3d-av., 16.6x100.9; Thomas Johnston and others to William H. Radford	5,800
67th-st., s. s., 100 ft. e. of 9th-av., 50x100.5; Conrad Michaels and wife to Mary E. Higgins	10,000
126th-st., s. s., 270 ft. w. of 4th-av., 20x99.11; Elizabeth F. Washburn and others to Jane K. De Rive	16,000
45th-st., s. s., 70 ft. e. of 2d-av., 20x100.5; H. Walter Webb to Henry Kern	2,400
36th-st., s. s., 471 ft. e. of 8th-av., 25x98.9; John A. Stewart and wife to C. L. Dean	10,000
8th-av., w. s., 49.11 ft. s. of 142d-st., 50x99.11 x irregular; also, s. s. 142d-st., 200 ft. w. of of 8th-av., 50x99.11; Archibald McLean and wife to William W. Crane	13,000
28th-st., n. s., 100 ft. w. of 10th-av., 50x48; Eurus B. Cowing and wife to C. R. Cowing and another	5,500
72d-st., s. s., 250 ft. w. of 3d-av., 0.5x102.2x 0.2x102.2; John H. Riker and wife to the Wardens, &c., of St. James's Church	nom.
79th-st., s. s., 150 ft. e. of 8th-av., 150x102.2; Frederick W. Gunther to Jacob Campbell	120,000
114th-st., s. s., 52.5 ft. e. of 4th-av., 17.5x 100.11; and, also, s. s. 114th-st., 34.10½ ft. e. of 4th-av., 17.6x100.11; Catharine M. Gill to Henry Harrison	17,000
8th-av., s. s., 50 ft. n. of 130th-st., 16.8x75; Margaret J. McLoughlin to E. W. Perry	16,000
2d-av., s. s., 20.5 ft. s. of 66th-st., 20x63; Charles Brennenman and wife to Margaretha Leonard	nom.
Orchard-st., No. 123, 25x87.6; Henry Diehl and wife to Gottfried Meyer	nom.
45th-st., s. s., 380 ft. e. of 8th-av., 20x100.5; John H. Hindley and wife to Thomas Hindley	nom.
Avenue C, n. w. corner of 24-st., 24.6x99; Jacob Riehl and others to Louis Frankenheim	nom.
Willis-av., s. s. corner of 138th-st., 100x125; John M. Beck and wife to Franklin A. Wilcox	10,050
97th-st., No. 132 West, 20x100.5; James Meagher and wife to William S. Dunn	30,000
57th-st., No. 134 West, 20x100.5; Same to Same	30,000
124th-st., n. s., 200 ft. w. of 7th-av., 25 x 141.6x irregular; John H. Scott and wife to Robert C. Ferguson, ½ interest	2,775

LEASES RECORDED.

Bookman, J., to William Long; s. e. corner of 24-av. and 21st-st., building, 5 years, rent	$2,400
Herman, Amelia, to C. F. L. Rosenthal; No. 587 3d-av., 5 years, rent	2,500
Isaac P., to F. Ostheimer; No. 15 Avenue B and No. 209 2d-st., 5 years, rent	1,700
Livingston, M., and another to E. Albert; No. 186 6th-av., 3 years, rent	1,600
O'Gara, J., to George Wisker; No. 429 9th-av., 1 years, average rent	1,880
Rapp, E., to Cooper, Hewitt & Co.; second, third, and fourth floors of No. 15 Burling-slip, 5 years, rent	800
Wesley, R. B., to A. Cheliberg; No. 299 3d-av., 10 years, rent	2,400

MORTGAGES RECORDED.

Barclay, J., and wife to the West Side Savings Bank; No. 38 Macdougal-st., 1 year	$2,000
Christie, William, and others to Caroline C. Bishop; n. s. 105th-st., s. of 4th-av., 1 year	5,000
Curtiss, William, and others to William A. Caldwell and another, Trustees, &c.; same property, 1 year	5,000
De Klyn, Jane F., to N. Jarvis, Jr., Clerk, &c.; No. 43 East 126th-st., 5 years	8,000
Francis, A. M., to Myer Fine; No. 16 Broome-st., &c., 1 year	9,000
Frank, Otto, to E. B. Meagan and another, Executors, &c.; s. s. Fulton-st., s. of Washington-st., 2 years	10,000
Korn, H., to E. S. Webb; s. s. 45th-st., e. of 2d-av., 6 months	2,900
Lalor, C. C., to E. J. King; s. s. 87th-st., w. of 5th-av., 3 years	28,250
Lang, Dorothea, and husband to J. Steve and another; s. s. Sidney, n. of 92d-st., 1 year	2,000
Livingston, William H., and wife to W. C. Traphagen, Referee; No. 367 West 24th-st., 5 years	4,000
Meehan, Elizabeth, and husband to the Citizens' Savings Bank; s. s. corner of 4th-av. and 110th-st., 2 mortgages, 1 year, total	12,500
Meehan, Elizabeth, and husband to William A. Caldwell; n. s. 110th-st., e. of Lexington-av., 2 months	5,000
Monroe, L., to Elizabeth Greenhall; s. s. Madison-av., s. of 81st-st., 3 years	7,000
Mowbray, A., and wife to Jacob W. Smith; s. s. corner of Madison-av. and 77th-st., 2 years	25,000
Mowbray, A., and wife to Maria L. Delton; n. s. corner of Madison-av. and 71st-st., 3 years	25,000
Mowbray, A., to Kate B. Happel and others, Trustees, &c.; s. s. corner of 5th-av. and 56th-st., 3 years	35,000
O'Keefe, T., to S. Valentine; s. s. 78th-st., w. of Avenue A, 4 months	400
Perry, E. W., to John Ross; e. s. 5th-av., s. of 120th-st., 3 months	1,750
Perry, E. W., to William Mackellar; same property, installments	4,750
Raux, Alexander, to A. P. Hamel; Nos. 161 and 163 West 13th-st., 4 years	12,000
Ruppert, J., and another to F. Lewisohn; s. s. 94th-st., s. of 5th-av., 2 years	12,000
Ruppert, J., and another to Sarah White; s. s. 94th-st., s. of 93d-st., 3 years	14,800
Stone, Madeline, to J. B. Post; n. s. 52d-st., w. of 5th-av., 2 months	4,500
Van Rensselaer, Catharine L., Executrix, &c., to William H. Jaunsen; s. s. Grand-st., w. of Mulberry-st., and s. s. Grand-st., s. of Mulberry-st., 2 mortgages, 3 years, total	32,500
Westervelt, Maria E., and husband to Harriet J. Orager and another; s. s. Valentine-av., near Clark-st., 4 months	5,000
Wolfe, J. W., and wife to the Seamen's Bank for Savings; w. s. 6th-av., s. of 31st-st., 3 years	20,000

ASSIGNMENTS OF MORTGAGES.

Brewer, James, to Bodin & Collins, Committee, Emigrant Industrial Savings Bank to Washington Life Insurance Company	$7,500
Hoesinger, F., to I. Obert	27,000
Molloughlin, J., to C. S. Lanerjung	4,000
Martinez, F. H., to C. M. Curtis and another	8,000
Soyland, J., to Louisa Fisk	1,400

CITY REAL ESTATE.

ASSORTMENT NEW RESIDENCES—21, 23 East 47th, and 20, 22, 24, 26 East 48th, between Madison and 5th. Owners, DUGGIN & CLEOBSMAN, Architects, 23 East 41st. Send for priced catalogue explaining "How to Build Good Houses."

FOR SALE—THE FIRST-CLASS FULL-SIZED house and lot No. 44 Fifth-av. Can only be seen by a permit from HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—A BEAUTIFUL ENGLISH BASEment on West 37th-st., close to 5th-av. For particulars apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—ON MADISON-AV., NEAR 87TH-ST. A full-sized house. Apply to HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—THE FULL-SIZED HOUSE, NO. 214 West 14th-st.; house in perfect order. Can only be seen by a permit from HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—THE HOUSE, NORTH SIDE OF 47th-st., 100 feet west of 5th-av., lot 100x100, house 100x40, with extension of music hall in rear 100x30. Built by the late owner, Dr. Thomas Ward, for his own occupancy. Columbia College leasehold; $250 per lot; three renewals. For particulars apply to E. F. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st., or H. H. CAMMANN, No. 4 Pine-st.

FOR SALE.

A handsome 21 by 55 foot four-story high-stoop brown-stone-front house, finely located on Clinton-av., Brooklyn; will be sold low on easy terms, to close an estate. For permit apply to EXECUTOR, 55 Warren-st., N. Y., or REEVE & PENDLETON, Agents, No. 9 Grange-av., Brooklyn.

FORTY-FIFTH-ST., SOUTH SIDE, 250 feet east of 11th-av.; three full lots 84 x 100.5; foreclosure, FRIDAY, March 5, at 12 o'clock, at Exchange Sales-room, No. 111 Broadway; sale positive; terms very liberal. Maps, &c., from RICHARD V. HARNETT, Auctioneer, No. 111 Broadway, Basement.

ABSOLUTE AUCTION SALE OF 61 WEST 50th-st. this day at 12 o'clock, at 111 Broadway, fine house, near 5th-av., by

V. K. STEVENSON, Jr.,
1 Pine, 35 East 17th-st., or 661 5th-av.

TO LEASE FOR A TERM OF YEARS.

A plot of ground on West-st., south corner of Fraser-st., 40x80 feet, adjoining a plot on Franklin-st., 37x100 feet, with the privilege of 100 feet more if required. Apply to FREDERICK CLARKSON, Office 19, No. 54 Wall-st.

FOR SALE ON EAST 38TH-ST., CLOSE TO Park-av., a fine 20-foot English basement dwelling; can be purchased on easy terms. Apply for permit to E. R. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st. and No. 1,180 Broadway.

FIFTH-AV., NEAR 54TH-ST.—FOR SALE, an elegant corner-wide house in excellent condition and well arranged; immediate possession can be had. For permits apply to E. R. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-street and No. 1,180 Broadway.

FOR SALE—ON 56TH-ST. ELEGANT DWELlings, full width, near 5th-av.; 55th-st., near Broadway, will build; 69th-st., near 8th-av., with extension, cabinet finish. HORACE WINANS, No. 10 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—NO. 212 FULTON-ST., 25 BY 77 feet, will sell at a price so as to realize to the purchaser 10 per cent gross. E. R. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—TWO FINE LOTS, RUNNING through from 57th to 58th-st., between 8th and 9th-avs. Also, one on 57th-st., west of 9th-av.

JAQUES & MOONEY, No. 358 West 27th-st.

MANAGEMENT OF ESTATES—DESIRED BY a lawyer of undoubted responsibility and standing. Address ESTATES, Box No. 113 Times Office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

EXECUTOR'S SALE—TO CLOSE AN ESTATE, VALUABLE MANUFACTURING PROPERTY.

HUGH N. CAMP will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, March 10, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sale-room, No. 111 Broadway, the spacious grounds, buildings, machinery, and complete appurtenances of the late NEW-YORK STEAM SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, situated on South, Montgomery, and Cherry sts., with bulkhead and riparian right extent of 82 feet 3 inches; also four leasehold lots, under lease to May 1, 1883.

Maps and particulars with auctioneer, No. 152 Broadway.

A. J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE.

A. J. BLEECKER & SON will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, April 15, at 12 M., at Exchange Salesroom, the 1½-story frame hotel and triangular piece of ground on the north-west corner of 3d-av. and 106th-st., having a frontage of 100 feet on each street. By order of Maria Higgins and Dyckman Waldron, Executor of Cornelia Waldron, deceased.

Maps at No. 189 Broadway.

CITY HOUSES TO LET.

TO LET—A DWELLING ON WEST 11TH-ST. BETween 5th and 6th-avs., 25x80; three-story and basement and attic, and replete with conveniences of gas, water, &c., and in perfect order; heated by a new furnace in the cellar; will be rented at moderate rate to a first-class tenant. Address OWNER, Post Office Box No. 815.

HOUSE TO LET.—A THREE-STORY BROWNstone high-stoop house in 79th-st., west of Lexington-av.; house is furnished with carpets, mirrors, gas-fixtures, a quantity of furniture, and has all modern improvements. Address 79th-st., OWNER, Box No. 301 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,256 Broadway.

TO LET—TO A PRIVATE FAMILY ONLY, handsomely furnished the extra wide and deep four-story house, No. 27 East 38th-st., near Park-av., Madison-av., and fronting on Madison-square, with large stable in rear. HOMER MORGAN, No. 2 Pine-st.

TO RENT.—FOR THE YEAR, IN CENTRAL AND desirable situation, a handsomely-furnished apartment; eight light rooms; kitchen. Address G., Box No. 307 Times Up-town Office, No. 1,256 Broadway.

A NEW PRINTED LIST OF HOUSES AT offices 1 Pine, 35 East 17th-st., or 661 5th-st.

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STORES, &C., TO LET.

OFFICES TO LET IN THE TIMES BUILDING. APPLY TO GEORGE JONES, TIMES OFFICE.

TO LET—THE ENTIRE DWELLING PART OF No. 76 6th-av., north-east corner of Waverley-place; good stand for millinery or dress-making; five rooms; rent, $500; possession May 1.

Also, the store and front basement room No. 129 Waverley-place; $30 per month; no liquor; immediate possession.

Also, on 10 years' lease, the building No. 46 Hudson-st. and No. 86 Thomas-st.; the former as 1½ rent, $3,500. THORNTON M. BODMAN, Real Estate Agent, No. 696 Broadway, corner 4th-st.

TO RENT—IN CLINTON HALL, CORNER ASTOR-place and Broadway, now occupied by G. A. Leavitt & Co.; also, store fronting square, and store on Astor-place, running through to 8th-st.; also, in building corner Broadway and 17th-st., second and third rooms, with steam-power. HUGH N. CAMP, No. 152 Broadway.

TO LET—THE STORE AND DWELLING NO. 6 Bowery; excellent business position; rent, $2,500 per annum. May 1. THORNTON M. BODMAN, Real Estate Agent, No. 696 Broadway, corner 4th-st.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

A FIRST-CLASS THREE-STORY HIGH-stoop brick house, 20.8x50x100, on Rutledge-st., Brooklyn, for sale or will exchange.

GEORGE E. SUYAM, No. 178 Broadway.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

MONTCLAIR, N. J.—FOR SALE—A SPACIOUS and elegant mansion on the eastern slope of Orange Mountain; hard wood cabinet finish; every convenience, water, gas, &c.; unsurpassed healthfulness; extensive view; beautiful surroundings; three acres in lawn; shrubbery, fruit, and vegetable gardens; also a choice villa plot of three acres adjoining above. HOWE & PARSONS, No. 79 Cedar-st., N. Y., and Montclair.

FOR SALE—A SMALL FARM IN GOSHEN, Orange County, N. Y., one and a quarter miles from depot, containing 10½ acres, with complete outbuildings, all new within the past four years; large and small fruits of all kinds. Apply to

E. R. LUDLOW & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

FOR SALE—A NEAT COTTAGE ON SMALL LOT at City Island, Westchester County, N. Y.; fine view of Long Island Sound; good bathing, fishing, &c.; only $600 in cash wanted. Address STEPHEN S. LOCKWOOD, City Island, Westchester County, N. Y.

FOR SALE—AT NEWARK, N. J.—COTTAGE house, six rooms; healthy location; pleasantly situated, near N. Y. R. R.; for $2,300; $500 cash only. Call on J. O. SCOTT, No. 167 Washington-st., New-York, or at the premises. No. 98 Congress-st., Newark.

A TWEETSFIELD, N. J.—FOR SALE, EXCHANGE for good mining stock, or to let, desirable residence, 11 rooms; barn, &c.; best location. ADDRESS WESTFIELD, station A, New-York.

FOR SALE—A FIRST-CLASS HOUSE, 13 ROOMS; eight lots; Mount Hope, Tremont Station; 20 minutes from Forty-second-street Depot; price, $10,000. Apply to JOHN D. OTTWELL, No. 198 3d-av.

ORANGE, N. J.—MOUNTAIN SIDE, "QUEEN-Anne" cottage residence; stable; terraced; two-acre macadamized corner; for sale, $13,000. Particulars, apply to EDWARD F. HAMILTON, No. 2 Pine-st.

COUNTRY HOUSES TO LET.

LONG BRANCH,

MONMOUTH BEACH, and SEABRIGHT COTTAGES TO LET.

Full particulars and catalogue from

CHAS. S. BROWN, No. 90 Broadway.

TO LET—AT FORT WASHINGTON—HOUSE, with all modern improvements; Croton water, bathroom, gas, dumb-waiter, butler's pantry, &c.; two minutes' walk from Hudson River Railroad Depot; one mile from the Metropolitan Elevated Railway; fine view of the Hudson; two acres of land, coach-house, and stable; rent, $1,200. MARTIN & SMITE,

No. 50 Wall-st.

TO RENT—A LARGE THREE

MISCELLANEOUS CITY NEWS

CHINAMEN COMING EAST.

THE CAR-LOAD WHICH ARRIVED IN THIS CITY YESTERDAY.

The Atlantic express train over the Erie Road which arrived in Jersey City at 7:25 o'clock yesterday morning had attached to its rear car which was filled with Chinamen from San Francisco. The party consisted of 50 men, who had taken advantage of the low fare which was the result of the recent war between the Central Pacific Railroad and the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to turn their backs on the city of Kearney, and shake the dust of the Sand Lots from their pig-tails. They were expected by friends of their own race in this City, and at the foot of Chambers-street were met by delegations of their countrymen, who escorted them in squads to the quarters temporarily assigned to them. All were scrupulously neat and clean, and the officers of the Erie Road say that the car in which they rode came into Jersey City a model of cleanliness, as compared with those occupied by white emigrants. The men—there were no women in the lot—not representatives of the lower classes of the San Francisco Chinamen. Several of them had worked laundries of their own in the Golden State, and the others were chiefly shoemakers or boot-makers. They came from the middle class, between the Chinese merchant and the degraded 'coolie, and decided to leave San Francisco to make sure of their lives and little accumulations from the attacks of Kearney and his gang of hoodlums. All were dressed in their native costume, loose flowing trousers and long blouses, with wooden-soled slippers, and all wore the cherished pig-tail, either streaming down the back, or a temptation to wicked small boys, or wound tightly around the top of the closely-shaven head. They went directly off with their friends to different parts of the City.

This distrust of Americans which Kearneyism has very naturally implanted in the Chinese mind in San Francisco seems to have crossed the continent, and affected the Asiatics in this City. A canvass of Chinatown, which is located in the lower part of Mott-street, failed to unearth a single Chinaman who would admit the arrival of any of his fellow-countrymen. Woo Kee, who keeps the largest Chinese boarding-house in the City, at No. 34 Mott-street, and is supposed to be cognizant of every movement among his compatriots, solemnly declared to the reporter that not a single Chinaman had reached New-York since Tuesday, and all the other Asiatics approached in Mott-street told a similar story. At the Erie office it was learned that the baggage of the Chinamen, consisting principally of canvas bags, stuffed with clothing and domestic utensils, and mattresses and blankets, had been sent to Quong, Whing, Chung & Co., No. 2 Mott-street, and to Sam Owen & Co., No. 19 Park Row. Quong was silent. Ching and Chung could speak no English, and the "Co." of No. 2 Mott-street was invisible. Sam Owen is a tall, pleasant-faced Chinaman, to whom the face of a "paper man" has no terrors, and he greeted the reporter with a pleasant smile in his basement laundry. In one corner of the room were a dozen large canvas bags and one old carpet-bag, the baggage of his friends, and on a stool sat one of the newcomers, a well-formed, intelligent-looking man, whom Sam Owen introduced as Wah Ling, "one my countryman." In the conversation which followed, Sam Owen acted as interpreter, and, in his pigeon English, told in a few words the objects of the new arrivals, and the cause of their coming to this City.

"San Francisco," said Wah Ling, speaking through the interpreter, "no good place for Chinaman any more. White man fild to bing his shirts to iron any more. Chinaman get pounded with stones by boys on street. He hear he can make money in New-York, and he work hors no pound-dem with stones. Tickets vely low now, so he buy one piece of paper and come to New-York."

Wah Ling is a laundryman, who had his own little shop in San Francisco, and intends to establish one here. There are some six other small capitalists in the party who will go into business for themselves, but the greater number are journeymen workmen, and expect to work for wages. Sam Owen says that all have friends in this City who will take care of them till they get work. He laughed so heartily at a Chinaman over dose laugh when told that none of the newcomers could be traced in Mott-street, and said that nearly all the party were quartered in Chinatown. "They fiald papers," he said, "papers dlive 'em way hom San Flaneisco." They he laughed again, and shaking himself, exclaimed joyfully, "but me no fiald; fleads no fald." When asked if any more Chinamen were expected to arrive soon, he turned to Wah Ling, and, after putting the question, interpreted the answer, "Maybe no. Tickets go up now, Tickets low down then, 35 dollars now high up, 65 [illegible]. Maybe no more Chinaman coma."

A batch of about a dozen Mongolians also arrived from San Francisco yesterday by the Pennsylvania Road, and several were dropped at Philadelphia. Some of the rest will go to Philadelphia, but the majority will remain in this City.

THE NEW MINING EXCHANGE.

AN ORGANIZATION EFFECTED—ESSENTIAL CHANGES OF PLAN.

The projectors of the proposed new Mining Stock Exchange and Trust Company appear to be gentlemen whose minds are subject to frequent changes. They held a meeting yesterday, and adopted a new plan for the establishment of an Exchange, which is essentially different in nearly every particular from the plans heretofore made public in their circulars and oral utterances. The name of the new exchange is to be "The American Mining Stock Exchange." It is to be governed by such rules and regulations "as shall hereafter be established or approved by this corporation." The number of members is to be 800, "of which number only 500 shall be accepted during the year 1880, and upon the following terms and conditions: 200 approved members, or any part thereof, shall be admitted upon payment of $1,000 each; 300 members, or any part thereof, shall be admitted upon payment of $5,000 each. But each member paying the sum of $5,000 shall be entitled in addition to his seat, to one share of certain 300 shares of the full paid capital stock of this corporation, to be hereafter provided for that purpose. Of the remaining 300 seats, 275 shall not be offered or sold until after the 1st day of January, 1881, or for a less sum than $5,000 for each and every seat, but each and every seat so sold after the 1st day of January, 1881, shall be in like manner entitled to one share of an additional 275 shares of the full paid capital stock of this corporation, to be hereafter provided. But this corporation reserves the right to sell the whole or any part of the last-mentioned 275 shares prior to Jan. 1, 1881, at a price not less than $4,000 per share. In which event the last-mentioned 275 seats or memberships shall be offered for sale at $5,000 each without stock."

No seat can be sold or transferred by members until 350 members shall have been admitted, or within the season of the corporation. The annual dues are fixed at $100. As soon as 100 persons shall have subscribed, paid, and duly qualified as members, the President is required to provide a suitable room for transacting business. The fee for placing mining stocks on the regular list is not at $500, and all stocks remaining on the list over one year must pay $100 per annum in advance. All mining stocks bought, sold, or exchanged on the Exchange must be received and delivered at the Trust Company's clearing-house, and the purchasers and sellers must pay to the corporation 25 cents each for every 100 shares of stock, or any fractional part thereof, sold or delivered. All mining stocks listed at the Exchange must, within six months, register and transfer at the office of the Trust Company.

Notices were sent out to 200 selected applicants to appear before the committee and qualify as members. The following gentlemen were elected Directors: Jay Van Hoffman, B. G. Ferris, Henry H. Lawrence, A. P. K. Safford, H. A. W. Tabor, Henry Havemeyer, G. D. Roberts, Milton S. Latham, Elisha Riggs, J. B. Elkins, William F. Shafer, Rufus W. Leavitt, and Drake De Kay. L. Von Hoffman & Co. were appointed bankers to the corporation, and David Dudley Field, counsel.

MR. VANDERBILT WANTS MORE LAND.

The Dock Commissioners yesterday received a communication from Mr. Chauncey M. Depew, counsel for the New-York Central and Hudson River Railroad, setting forth that the company desire to take a lease for 30 years of the land under water from Sixty-fifth to Seventy-second streets, North River, with the view of enlarging their terminal facilities at this port. The writer of the communication added: "While the company will do this at their own cost and the outlay of several millions of dollars, the City of New-York will share in the immense income of business which will thereby be brought here. It will be necessary to erect upon the piers additional elevators and other permanent structures, and the company would not be justified in the undertaking if they have to be surrendered within a short period after their construction. Our improvements will immediately dedicate to commerce a large territory at present of no practical value, and of little prospective use, except for the work now proposed. We respectfully submit that the best interests of the City, present and future, will be protected by tendering every facility to enterprises like the present, which are semi-public in their character, although done wholly at the expense of the railroad company, and which will add to the City's prosperity and enhance the trade and business of New-York." No action was taken on the communication.

THE ALDERMANIC PAY-ROLLS.

Controller Kelly sent the pay-rolls of the Aldermen for the months of November and December, 1879, to Mayor Cooper yesterday for his signature. They were transmitted when they were first due for his approval, but, under the advice of the Corporation Counsel, he declined to sign them, because the name of ex-Alderman George Hall was on the list. It was claimed that the election of Hall was discordant, and two of the Inspectors of Election of his district were convicted of tampering with the returns. Mr. Joseph A. Heinzl contended that he had received a majority of the votes cast for the office, and he appealed to the Court of Appeals for his seat. The Court decided that Heinzl was entitled to the seat. Mr. Hall subsequently obtained a judgment for the amount of his salary, and the Corporation Counsel advised the Controller and Comptroller that it is the Ordinance Committee of the Board of Aldermen, not the Mayor, who should approve the pay-rolls. Mr. Whitney returned it with his approval, and referred to the fact that "the Court of Appeals, in the recent case of The People ex rel. Heinzl against Hall and McVeagh against the Mayor, held that the action of the Board of Aldermen upon the election of one of its members was not final, but was subject to review by the courts. It held further, however, that the action of the board in that regard was a judicial act, and that Mr. Heinzl, by invoking a decision of the board, submitted himself to its jurisdiction, and that it was an adjudication binding upon him when made." Mr. Whitney adds "that this is a question which may necessitate the law applicable to these cases, but seems to settle this case, and, therefore, he certified the judgment. The Mayor has not yet signed the pay-rolls.

BAD NEWS FOR SMOKERS.

A MOVEMENT TO ADVANCE THE PRICE OF TOBACCO.

Some 300 gentlemen engaged in the sale of tobacco in this City and vicinity assembled in the large hall of the Cooper Union, last evening, for the purpose of organizing an association for the protection of their interests against dealers who are engaged in undersselling the market. Mr. T. C. Allen, President of the recently-formed Jobbers' Association, called the meeting to order. He said the object of the new organization was to advance prices, both in the jobbing and retail tobacco trade. Prices have been so cut up lately by irregular competition that it has become absolutely necessary to make some advance for self-protection. To make the movement a success, the jobbers require the active co-operation and aid of the retailers, and it was to secure this that the meeting was called. It was proposed to form an association which should make and maintain regular prices, and if united action was taken success was certain. A committee of five was appointed to prepare by-laws for the organization, and after they had retired from the hall for consultation, a communication was read from R. Wilkins & Co., of Baltimore, inclosing a check for $50 to the barrel into the treasury, and another from Goodwin & Co. offering to contribute $5,000, if nine other firms will do the same, to establish opposition stores by the side of such as refuse to adopt the price-list of the organization, in which stores all goods shall be sold below cost.

The by-laws reported by the committee were adopted without amendment. They provide that the organization shall be called the "Tobacco-Dealers' Protective Association," and the object of the society shall be to secure uniform and remunerative retail prices for all goods sold by tobacconists. Any dealer or manufacturer may become a member by the payment of an annual fee of $1, and signing the following pledge:

"We hereby pledge our word of honor that we will not sell below the retail price-list established by this association, or its Managing Committee, if called on to aid, with all our power and ability, to prevent any broker from undersselling the established retail rates; that we will do all we can to bring the grades of our trade to a remunerative living rate; that we will not buy from any jobber, peddler, or manufacturer who sells to a retailer who sells at less than the prices established by this association; that if any manufacturer will not aid us, we will give his goods to a jobber or retailer who is selling under the established rates; that we hereby pledge our word or honor not to handle any of the goods of his manufacture, under any consideration, until we are duly notified by the Managing Committee, that such party or parties have complied with the rules of our association, and given all aid and assistance necessary to secure us all a margin essential to carry on our business."

The officers of the association are a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Managing Committee of 10, which committee is to have full power to supervise all the business of the association, to establish any rules and regulations which they may deem proper for the guidance of members, and to elect a Secretary, who shall devote his time to the work of the society, and to be paid a salary, to be fixed hereafter. The term of each officer is limited to one year. Under these by-laws the following officers were elected: President—William H. Jebsen; Vice-Presidents—Ernest Nathan, of Brooklyn; E. Hirsch, and S. Strauss; Treasurer—T. C. Allen; Managing Committee—Charles Marks, John C. Rue, I. Cohn, M. Hirsch, L. Hammer, Henry Helvy, Solomon Ottenburg, J. Kaufman, S. Simon, and G. M. Shepherd. The rolls were then opened for signatures, and were signed by 165 tobacco-dealers. The work of preparing a price-list for adoption by the association was assigned to the Managing Committee, and the meeting then adjourned.

THE TELEGRAPH WAR.

PRESIDENT GARRETT SUMMONED FOR CONTEMPT—ANOTHER INJUNCTION.

The telegraph lines along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have been operated by the Atlantic and Pacific Company under a contract which expired on the 17th ultimo. The contract stipulated that the railroad company might either renew the lease or assume control of the wires by paying for the improvements made by the telegraph company. A notice was sent by the officers of the railroad company on Saturday last to the officers of the telegraph company, informing them that the railway company, "in the exercise of the option granted to it" by the telegraph company, would, on March 1, take possession of the telegraph poles and wires erected by the latter corporation along the lines of the railway and its connections, and would, also, on the same day terminate the license under which the telegraph company had been using such poles and wires. An injunction to restrain the officers of the Baltimore and Ohio was at once procured from Judge Sedgwick, in the Superior Court, and was served upon Mr. John W. Garrett, the President of the railroad company, who happened to be in this City. Notwithstanding this injunction, the Baltimore and Ohio Company took possession of the poles and wires. Having ousted the Atlantic and Pacific Company, the officers of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company connected the wires they had seized with the wires of the American Union Telegraph Company. An order was obtained yesterday by the attorneys of the Atlantic and Pacific Company, from Judge Freedman, in the Superior Court, directing John W. Garrett to show cause to-day why he should not be punished for contempt in failing to obey the injunction issued on Feb. 28. The affidavit on which the order was made was sworn to by Mr. A. B. Chandler, President of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company. It recited the facts concerning the issuance of the injunction and the seizing of the wires, and averred that President Garrett ought to have prevented such seizure by telegraphing to Baltimore and other places the fact that he and his subordinates had been enjoined from interfering with the use of the wires by the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph Company. In closing his affidavit, President Chandler declared that the Atlantic and Pacific Company will be damaged in the sum of $100,000 if it is not at once reinstated in possession of the wires along the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway Company.

The Western Union Telegraph Company yesterday procured from Judge Daniels, in the Supreme Court, an injunction restraining the American Union Company from erecting three poles in Washington-street, between Oedar and Veesey, alleging that these would seriously interfere with their wires in that locality.

THE CHAPIN HOME FOR THE AGED.

The members of the Rev. Dr. Chapin's congregation celebrated yesterday the seventh annual reunion of the Chapin Home for the Aged and Infirm, in Sixty-sixth-street, near Third-avenue. Most of the visitors were ladies. In the afternoon several prominent clergymen delivered addresses. Among these were the Rev. Dr. Armitage, the Rev. Dr. Bevan, the Rev. Dr. Pullman, the Rev. Dr. Shaakelford, of the Church of the Redeemer, the Rev. Mr. Fay, and the Rev. Smith Pedee, of the Universalist Church at Stamford, Conn. The Rev. Dr. Pullman presided at the religious exercises, and introduced the speakers. In the evening another reunion was held at the Home, when the Rev. Dr. Chapin spoke briefly of the benefits of a home for aged people after they had passed through the storms of life. The remainder of the evening was given up to singing, short speeches, and other amusements. The Home was established by the clergyman whose name it bears. At the time it was founded Dr. Chapin insisted that admission to the Home should not be limited to members of the Universalist Church. Worthy aged people are received irrespective of religious profession or nationality, and in this respect the Home differs from those of other denominations. The conditions of admission are good character, and a deposit of $300, which is invested as capital, and not used to defray running expenses. For the latter subscriptions are raised. All persons in the Home are about 45 years of age, most of them old ladies. The house is comfortably warmed, and the rooms are well furnished. The entire management is under the control of Mrs. Chapin, who is President of the Home. The Vice-Presidents are Mrs. M. L. Cost, Mrs. C. P. Huntington, Mrs. G. L. Stickney. The Treasurer is Mrs. D. D. T. Marshall; the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. D. D. Youmans, and the Recording Secretary, Mrs. V. G. King. The Advisory Committee consists of the Rev. Dr. E. H. Chapin, the Rev. Dr. J. M. Pullman, D. D. T. Marshall, B. B. Fellows, C. P. Huntington, George G. Lake, J. A. Jameson, W. A. Miles, M. L. Cost, G. L. Stickney, and E. R. Holden. The average annual income of the Home from subscriptions and other sources is $13,000. A gift of $10,000 was recently received.

TWO AND A HALF MILLIONS PURCHASED.

The third of the regular weekly purchases of bonds by the Government for the sinking fund took place at the Sub-Treasury yesterday, and was superintended by Secretary Sherman in person. Twenty-five firms and corporations sent in offers aggregating $13,120,600 at the following prices: Sixes of 1881, 106.85 to 106.24, sixes of 1880, 104 to 104.25; fives of 1881, 105.60 to 104. The Secretary ordered the acceptance of all the sixes of 1881, offered at 106⅞ and under, and all the sixes of 1880 at 104 and under. The following were successful:

First National Bank—$2,383,000 sixes of 1881 at 106.85.

Merchants' National Bank—$67,500 sixes of 1881 at 106.75.

J. & W. Seligman & Co.—$50,000 sixes of 1881 at 106.87.

Kuhn, Loeb & Co.—$6,500 sixes of 1881 at 106⅞.

Drexel, Morgan & Co.—$2,000 sixes of 1880 at 104.

Kidder & Peabody—$4,000 sixes of 1880 at 104.

Total, $2,507,000 sixes of 1881, and $6,000 sixes of 1880. Grand total, $2,513,000.

CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS

NEW-YORK.

A meeting of persons interested in a free training and cooking school will be held at 3 o'clock, to-day, at No. 228 West Thirty-eighth-street.

The Rev. Herbert H. Hayden will deliver his lecture upon "Circumstantial Evidence," on Thursday evening, March 11, in the Academy of Music.

The Controller's monthly statement shows that the City debt, on Feb. 28, was $108,124,770 51, exclusive of revenue bonds, amounting to $2,382,100.

Special religious services will be held this and to-morrow evening in the Seventh Presbyterian Church, Broome and Ridge streets. The Rev. E. A. Elmore will preach to-night.

A return match between teams of the New-York Archery Club and the Arsham Archers, of Brooklyn, will take place at the Ninth Regiment Armory on Saturday evening.

In consequence of the bad weather last evening, the fancy dress ball of the Knickerbocker Athletic Club was not held at the New-York Skating Rink. It will occur on Wednesday evening next.

Mr. George Walker has resigned the Vice-Presidency of the Gold and Stock Telegraph Company and the Presidency of the Edison Telephone Company, and Mr. Hugh Chisholm on the 1st inst. to assume his new duties as Consul-General at Paris.

The Dock Commissioners resolved yesterday to enter a protest against the passage of Mr. Deane's bill for the enlargement of Gansevoort Market territory, on the ground that it proposes to take the Gansevoort-street yard of the Dock Department for market purposes.

Controller Kelly yesterday transmitted to Mayor Cooper, for his signature, a warrant for $125 to the credit of ex-Assemblyman Thomas F. Grady, "for services during the month of February, 1880, attending to various matters before the Legislature affecting the finances of the City."

Twenty-five peddlers were yesterday arraigned in the Tombs Police Court for obstructing Broadway. They were charged with selling price packages, puzzles, and the like. The prize package men were fined $10, and the others, with some half-dozen exceptions, were fined $1 each.

The Philo-Celtic Society will celebrate Robert Emmet's birthday, by listening to an oration from Chief Justice Shea, in the Cooper Union, this evening. John Savage, LL.D., will preside. The Marquis Talleyrand-Perigord will attend the meeting and address it. The proceeds will be sent to help the needy in Ireland.

David Johnston and James Farrell, two sneak-thieves, were held for trial by Justice Otterbourg yesterday, in the Jefferson Market Police Court. The former was charged with robbing the money-drawer in Robert Pearson's Seventh-avenue bakery. Farrell had tapped the till in Edward Hornion's liquor store on Greenwich-street.

The athletic entertainment in aid of the Irish Relief Fund, which is to be given by the various amateur athletic clubs of this City and vicinity at Madison-Square Garden to-night, promises to be a success. About 600 athletes have entered for the running, walking, tugs-of-war, and wrestling events which compose the programme.

The Commissioners of Charities and Correction yesterday sent a request to Dr. MacDonald and the Bellevue Hospital Advisory Board to investigate the case of Michael Fitzgerald, who died in the Homeopathic Hospital, on Ward's Island, after having been, it is alleged, cruelly treated by one of the keepers employed on the Island.

Mary, alias Della Donovan, an expert pickpocket, who was detected by Detective Hess, in Grand-street, in the act of stealing a pocket-book containing $1 05 from Lizzie Allen, of No. 149 Mulberry-street, pleaded guilty in General Sessions yesterday. Being an old offender, Judge Gildersleeve sentenced her to three years in the Penitentiary.

While a large number of ladies and gentlemen were enjoying themselves at a party at the home of Mrs. Mary B. Ingoldsby, No. 24 Downing-street, on Tuesday evening, Stephen Dillon sneaked into the ladies' dressing-room and stole $128 worth of wearing apparel. He was arrested while carrying the plunder through Bedford-street, and Justice Cornwell yesterday committed him for trial in default of $2,500 bail.

At an inquest, yesterday, in the case of Ann Rafferty, who on the 19th ultimo was fatally injured at Forty-third-street and Eleventh-avenue, by being run over by the train No. 63 of the Hudson River Railroad, the jury censured the company for stopping the engine between the crossings of the streets and for not having a flagman at every street; they admonished the engineer to be careful when starting the engine at a public thoroughfare.

The return of Mayor Cooper to the writ of certiorari by which Gen. W. F. Smith seeks to review the action of the Mayor in removing him from the office of Police Commissioner was filed in the County Clerk's office yesterday. It is similar to the return in the Nicholls case. In it Mayor Cooper states that his action was effectual in removing Gen. Smith, and asserts that the removal was effected by the Governor on the record sent him by the Mayor, and on his own investigation.

The following securities were sold at auction in the Exchange Sales-room yesterday: Fifty shares Manhattan Gas-light Company, $50 each, at 162½; 31½ shares Wilcox Silver-plate Company of Meriden, Conn., $25 each, at 51 to 50; $1,000 Brooklyn City and Newtown Railroad first mortgage 7 per cent bond, interest April and October, at 97; $15,000 Scioto Valley Railroad Company first mortgage 7 per cent bonds, due 1896, interest January and July, $13,000 per mile, at 102; 50 shares New-York and New-Jersey Globe Gas-light Company, (limited,) $25 each, at 10¼; 90 shares East River National Bank, $25 each, at 100¼; 40 shares Farragut Fire Insurance Company, $50 each, at 120½; 20 shares Rutgers Fire Insurance Company, $25 each, at 165½; $2,000 New-Jersey Midland Railway Company consolidated 7 per cent, gold bonds, due 1929, May, 1874, coupons on, $1,000 each, at 14.

BROOKLYN.

The handsome net sum of $7,000 was realized by the charity ball given in the Academy of Music in aid of the Industrial Home for Destitute Children, on Butler-street.

The Fountain Gun Club publishes a card protesting against the mutilation of birds at pigeon-shooting matches. A committee has been appointed by the club to call on Mr. Hiram Howe and insist that the practice shall not again be permitted on the grounds of the Brooklyn Driving Park.

The Rev. D. R. Fraser will be installed this evening as Pastor of the Clinton-Avenue Presbyterian Church. The installation sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. Ludlow, the charge to the Pastor will be delivered by the Rev. C. E. Hall, D. D., and the charge to the people by the Rev. Dr. Cuyler.

Officer James M. Stone, who was assaulted by a gang of roughs at the corner of Columbia and Pacific streets on Sunday afternoon, experienced a change for the worse yesterday. The doctors fear that all hope for his recovery must be abandoned. Capt. Leary has arrested all of the ruffians who took part in the assault upon the officer.

The funeral of the Rev. F. T. Steimle took place yesterday from the German Lutheran Church on Henry-street, of which he had been Pastor for 25 years. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hennecke, of Buffalo, and the choir was composed of the Sangerbund and Germania Musical Society societies. The remains were interred in the Lutheran Cemetery.

Mayor Howell sent a communication to the Board of City Works, yesterday, directing that no certificates be given to street-cleaning contractors without positive proof that their work had been thoroughly done. The City Works Commissioners adopted resolutions directing the street-cleaning and sewer-cleaning contractors to show cause within three days why their contracts should not be annulled and their sureties prosecuted. The streets and sewers are in a horrible condition of filth.

Mr. Philip L. Reeves was before Justice Courtney's court, in Brooklyn, yesterday, to meet a charge made by Michael Moloney, a grocer, of having sold some furniture which he had previously mortgaged to Moloney, as the latter claims. Moloney did not appear to press his charge, and Mr. Reeves states his intention of bringing civil suit against him for false imprisonment. Mr. Reeves says he never owned, mortgaged, or sold any furniture in the house No. 237 Raleigh-street, Brooklyn, as was charged.

At an early hour yesterday morning Officers O'Halloran and Conkling, of the First Precinct, discovered that the tenement-house No. 28 State-street, containing 20 persons, all of whom were asleep, was on fire. An over-heated stove-pipe had set fire to the fireboard in one of the rooms. By prompt, energetic action the officers extinguished the flames before they had time to spread. The Board of Police and Excise passed a resolution, yesterday, commending the conduct of Messrs. Conkling and O'Halloran.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Thomas Barker, indicted for assault with intent to kill his brother Charles recently at the Pelhamville Station, Westchester County, gave bail yesterday in $10,000 to await trial. Edward Lambden, of New-Rochelle, and James W. Roosevelt, of Pelham, being his bondsmen.

Edward W. Kuster, of Yonkers, was arrested on Thursday, charged with appropriating to his own use about $4,500 belonging to Max Doctor and Simon Hatch, butchers, of this City. The Deputy Sheriff allowed Kuster to visit his mother's house, where he escaped. He is supposed to have come to this City, and the Westchester officers are now searching for him.

John B. Conkling, who was conjointly indicted with Francis Ryan for arson in the first degree, for having set fire to a store occupied by him at Ossining, on the night of Wednesday, Oct. 29, the 4th of November last, was put on trial in Kingston, yesterday afternoon. Ryan was tried last December, found guilty, and sent to the Elmira Reformatory. They kept a grocery store in the building, which was owned by Mrs. Catharine Hurst, and, having set a large insurance on their small stock, set fire to the store, having previously thoroughly saturated everything with kerosene. The case will probably be finished this morning.

In the replevin suit brought by Benjamin S. Dick against the Register of Westchester County, to recover possession of certain books, which came up before the Hon. J. F. Barnard, holding Circuit Court at White Plains, yesterday, the Judge decides that they belong to the person who rendered them valuable to the office, and that that person was Mr. Dick. These books were purchased when Stephen S. Mackshall was Register and paid for by him, and contained valuable memoranda of surveys. About six months ago Mr. Dick was superseded as searcher in the Register's office, and upon going out attempted to take these books with him, but was not allowed to do so by the Register; hence this suit.

NEW-JERSEY.

The Rev. George M. Boynton, of the Belleville-Avenue Congregational Church, of Newark, has accepted a call to the Central Church, of Jamaica Plains, Mass.

The body of a young woman was found in the Passaic River, at Newark, yesterday. It has not been identified. Deceased had on a dark dress and wore plain ear-rings.

An unknown man was found lying insensible in the Bergen cut of Pennsylvania Railroad, yesterday, with a pistol-shot wound in his mouth. He was taken to the Hudson County Hospital, but up to a late hour last night he had not recovered consciousness.

Capt. Daniel B. Bruen, the oldest native of Newark, died suddenly at his home in that city yesterday afternoon. He was born in 1795. He retired from business at the age of 30. He was the oldest person in the State, and was a Past Grand of the Grand Lodge. He served in the war of 1812 under Capt. Andrews.

Edward Carr, a New-York painter, obtained work in Jersey City yesterday, and his wife crossed the river at noon to carry him his dinner. While they were eating they were assaulted by a number of local painters, who told Carr he must return to New-York, or they would do him serious injury. The Police were obliged to interfere, and Mr. and Mrs. Carr were taken to the station-house for protection.

THE LOYAL LEGION.

A meeting of the Commandery of the State of New-York of the military order of the Loyal Legion, United States, was held last evening at Delmonico's, Commander Gen. John M. Schofield presiding. Communications from the order in various States were received, and Lieut.-Commander Francis S. Brown, late of the United States Navy, was elected a member. A proposition made in a report on social entertainments, by a committee consisting of Col. H. M. Porter, Lieut.-Col. Clarke, and Lieut. Loyal Farragut, that professional and amateur singers, and others outside of the organization, should be invited to sing and recite on festive occasions, met with disfavor, and it was decided that there will sufficient talent in the Commandery for all entertainments of that kind. After the business meeting there was a collation, and about 200 Army and naval officers and ex-Army and ex-naval officers seated themselves at the table. Among those present were Gens. Slocum, Cochrane, McQuade, Locke, Jacob Sharp, H. E. Davies, Davies, Gallaith, Lawrence, Wainwright, Martin T. Mahhon, and Patten. Gen. H. M. Porter made a humorous speech in regard to the proposed improvement in the character of the entertainments by the Committee on Social Entertainment, of which he was a member, and an original poem was recited by David L. Prendit. The festivities, which were prolonged until a late hour, consisted in part of the singing of "hymns," as they are called by the members of the order, the "hymns" being old army songs, as "Benny Haven," "John Brown's Body," "Marching Through Georgia," &c.

THE SHOOTING OF EDWARD MORRISON

The case of Charlotte Wilson, a colored woman, who, in a fit of jealousy, shot and injured Edward Morrison, clerk in the drug store of Dr. Theodore H. Sayre, Forty-sixth-street and Sixth-avenue, was called by Assistant District Attorney Russell, in General Sessions, yesterday. Morrison has left the City rather than appear on the witness stand, but Mr. Russell is confident of being able to secure a conviction even without his testimony. On the night of Jan. 15, as Morrison was working for Dr. Sayre's store in company with a girl named Lottie Irving, the woman Wilson, with whom he had been intimate, angrily confronted him and inquired the relations existing between his companion and himself. His answer aroused her jealousy, and in a fit of rage and jealousy she drew a pistol and fired at his left eye. The bullet took effect over Morrison's left eye, but fortunately glanced off, inflicting only a superficial wound. When the affair was discovered, Morrison observed the strictest silence, positively refusing to say who had shot him. The prisoner, who was traced by the description of Morrison's companion, is a brazen, overdressed, and by no means prepossessing mulatto. Mr. John O. Mott, who defends the accused, will endeavor to show that her identification has never been satisfactorily proved. After a jury had been sworn a recess was taken, but one of the jurymen failed to return, and the case had to go over until to-day.

THE PITTSBURG RIOT CLAIMS.

W. E. Foster, Jr., counsel to the Produce Exchange special committee on claims for losses incurred during the Pittsburg riots in July, 1877, has addressed a circular letter to the claimants stating that the Commissioners of Allegheny County have, through their counsel, made him an offer to settle by the payment of 75 per cent in cash of the value of goods destroyed, without interest, on satisfactory written proof of loss and ownership, provided there shall be no litigation. Mr. Foster strongly advises that these terms be accepted. He says he has been officially informed that they constitute the utmost amount that will be paid without litigation; that they have been agreed to on consultation with prominent citizens of the county, and that it is absolutely necessary to be paid by special arrangement. He asserts that if resort be had to the courts, it will be necessary to bring a separate action in each case, and that it will probably be four or five years before payment can be had, besides which the expense of litigation will be very great. On the other hand, if the offer be accepted, the papers can be prepared immediately, and if payment be made as promptly as the Allegheny County Commissioners promise, the sums coming will be small and the returns speedy. At the bottom of the circular is a foot-note by Judge Fancher concurring in Mr. Foster's views.

GROCERS' BANK SECURITIES.

The order to show cause why the Receiver of the Grocers' Bank should not be stayed from selling the securities of the bank, and a Referee be appointed, was argued before Judge Gilbert yesterday, in Brooklyn. Mr. B. F. Blair appeared on behalf of the Receiver, and Mr. Charles W. Hasler for the petitioner, Mr. William Dean. The court reserved its decision, saying that under no circumstances must the Receiver part with the forged paper.

ARRIVALS AT THE HOTELS.

The Hon. George B. Sloan, of Oswego, N. Y., is at the Grand Hotel.

Ex-Gov. J. B. Page, of Vermont, is at the St. Nicholas Hotel.

Gilbert C. Walker, of Binghamton, is at the St. James Hotel.

Gen. Thomas B. Keogh, of North Carolina, is at the Hoffman House.

C. F. Smithers, Manager of the Bank of Montreal, is at the Windsor Hotel.

The Hon. Henry Smith, of Albany, and Col. B. Du Barry, United States Army, are at the Sturtevant House.

The Hon. John Sherman, Secretary of the Treasury, Lord George Montagu, of England, Rear-Admiral G. H. Scott, United States Navy, Gen. James Craig, of Missouri, and J. J. Belden, of Syracuse, are at the Fifth-Avenue Hotel.

THE HIGH PRICE OF QUININE.

Owing to the extremely high price at which Quinine has always been sold, many persons have frequently been compelled to forego the use of that most valuable medicine, even where it was an absolute necessity. Messrs. W. E. RIKER & Son, the well-known druggists of No. 363 6th-av., between 21st and 22d sts., recognizing this fact, have reduced the price of Quinine to about cost, thus enabling every one to obtain it when necessary.

PASSENGERS SAILED.

In steam-ship Gallia, for Liverpool—Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Archibald, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Browne, W. Brown, Dr. Balding, John W. Bell, Christy Bell, Miss Bell, E. Bancroft, Charles J. Bigley, Miss Barton and brother and sister, Mrs. Byrnes, Henry M. Saxon, Mr. Buntin, C. W. Benson, Miss Burch, R. W. Cullen, Newton Claypool, Alexander Cowlor, Mrs. Chisholm, Thomas Crosby, Dr. G. G. Clarke, Mr. Carter, George S. Cushing, Dr. William M. Cate, Miss J. Cunard, Dr. John Chambers Sturgis, H. Dick, J. A. Dudson, Samuel G. Dunham, Carl Dreyfus, Mrs. A. W. De Haven, Miss A. L. De Haven, Miss S. E. De Haven, Mrs. Rochet, J. J. Freedman, E. Gutterman, Lord Grosvenor, L. Greenwood, G. Gabain, Mr. and Mrs. J. Graves, I. Goldsmith, Mr. Glover, Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Goddard, Mr. Gilbert, Mr. and Mrs. William G. Hastings, W. T. Hoobles, Samuel C. Howell, Edwin Haviland, Victor Hourston, Charles Kneeland, Mrs. Kane, Hermann P. Kunst, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. O. Ketchum, D. D. Kelly, J. B. Light, J. B. Levi, A. S. Levi, S. M. Lesher, Mrs. Moss, Mrs. MacLane, Richard McFarlane, Alvah Miller, Jno. Archibald Montgomery, Rosalie MacNeil, Mr. Milne, A. Milson, E. Milson, Gen. G. G. Meade, E. Pelham, George Pugh, Preston Powers, W. J. Reid, W. J. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Morton Rhoades, Dr. Rogers Rhoades, W. Schess, Master Percy Sharpe, Norris Stockwell, Master Stockwell, Master N. T. Stockwell, Miss Stockwell, Henry Strakhistein, Edward G. Sweye, Mr. and Mrs. William W. Swanton, Mr. Sullivan, Harry Smith, Mr. Sharp, W. G. Thomas, Mrs. Thorson, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Van Duzer, Mrs. Wickers, John Wagh, Mr. Wray, Miss Anna Wavie, Mr. Wallace, E. C. Winans, Mr. Vesamer, T. L. Hughes, G. W. Armitage, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Ritchie, Mrs. Bedell, Mrs. Bradlebeck.

In steam-ship Leipzig, for Hamburg—Frederick Stiff, Max Rudolph Tolle, Jul. Bond, Mr. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Dallmann, Mr. Dallmann, Mrs. Oswald, Mr. Steinmeyer, Henry Wetter and family, Gustave Schwarz, G. R. Otto, Mr. Zimmerman, August Bier, Mr. Lessing, Mr. Bernard, Mr. Gerard, Richard Schmidt, Mr. and Mrs. Moritz Barnekow and two children, R. Christiansen, John M. Borgre.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

In steamship Wisconsin, from Liverpool—James White, R. Thompson, Geo. H. Templeton, Mrs. Campion, Miss Campion, Miss Anna Campion, Mrs. Fawcett, Miss Mary Fawcett, Miss A. Fawcett, the Rev. A. J. O'Reilly, Miss Ellen Tomlinson, Miss E. Tomlinson, William Tomlinson, Sydney Tomlinson, Samuel Kendall, G. J. Herriman, W. Kittle, H. D. Brandeth, John Hill, E. McKnight, R. Roberts, J. W. Champney, Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarke and children, Mrs. Hannah Clarke, Frederick Hand, John Thompson, Edward Lee, William Hayden, Mrs. E. Mings, Miss Eva Mings, Thomas White, Henry Hardey, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and two children, W. Thompson, Miss Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. John Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. William Rushee, Mrs. Susanna Harlan, Samuel Clark, Miss Mary Boud, John McKenna, J. C. Newell, Mrs. Mary Newell, Miss Christina Newell, Miss Maud Newell, Samuel Daley, A. G. Blanhart, William Wickman, N. Hadley, George Ellington.